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DURING THE YEAR

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FROM

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To

THE COMMISSIONER,
Northern Division.

Camp Gamph, January 7, 1919.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my report for the Talukdari Estates of the Ahmedabad District under my management for the year 1917-1918. In view of the orders passed regarding the Annual Administration Reports of Revenue Officers I have, in anticipation of sanction, cut down this report to the minimum omitting the following paras:—

Character of Season.
Annual Tour.
Revenue Charge.
Education.
Establishment.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY AND TOUR.

2. *Charge.*—I held charge during the whole year, except from 6th May to 17th June 1918, when I was on privilege leave, my place being taken by R. B. Bulakhidas B. Trivedi.

PART II.—REVENUE ADMINISTRATION.

3. *Collection of Jama.*—The whole of the current demand was collected except that of the village of Hirapur in Sanand which appears as Rs. 3,451 in Statement I, regarding which I am submitting a separate report. The unsuspended demand of Rs. 318 is from various small scattered estates in Dhandhuka which had very poor crops and from which collection was impossible without hardship.

4. *Collection of Tagai.*—I much regret that Tagai collections show a balance of Rs. 3,703 of unsuspended arrears. Of this amount Rs. 1,246 are due from Hirapur and will be reported on separately. As regards the balance I can only say that I was absent during the collecting season from the middle of May till the end of June and after that time it was impossible to collect owing to the failure of the rains.

With reference to Government Order No. 4712 (Financial Department), dated 22nd December 1915, I beg to state that the information is as under:—

(*a*) The total amount of Tagai lent on the security of estates is Rs. 53,946.

(*b*) The amount paid by the estates is Rs 89.

(*c*) No amount is recovered from tenants in respect of (*b*).

5. *Collections of Loan Accounts.*—Statement III is divided into four sections and gives details regarding collections under the following classes of loans:—

Statement A.—Loans advanced under Act VI of 1862.

,, B.—Loans advanced for debt settlement.

,, C.—Loans advanced in the famine of 1899-1900 and subsequent years.

,, D.—Loans advanced during the scarcity of 1911-1912 and subsequent years.

The following notes summarise the chief features of each of these statements.

Statement A.—Loans advanced under Act VI of 1862.—Payments amounted to Rs. 5,259, the balance outstanding being Rs. 56,697. These loans are due on four estates only of which the Makhiav Estate owes Rs. 36,695 secured on the village of Samani. It is most regrettable that these debts have been allowed to continue for no less than 35 years and a special report will be submitted, if desired.

Statement B.—Debt Settlement.—Rs. 74,681 were collected towards this loan as against Rs. 79,676 in the Ahmedabad District last year.

Statement C.—Maintenance Loans of 1899-1900.—Only a small balance of Rs. 344 remains unpaid.

Statement D.—Maintenance Loans of 1911-1912.—Over half the balance outstanding was paid off and the debts are now Rs. 4,405 only. Owing, however, to the character of the present season further advances will unfortunately have to be made though these will be restricted to the minimum possible.

PART III.—Management of Estates.

6. *Classification of Estates.*—The following table shows the estates (Talukdari and Non-talukdari) under management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer under different Acts:—

Serial No.	Authority.	Talukdari.	Non-talukdari.
1	Court of Wards Act	19	4
2	Guardians and Wards Act	10	1
3	Civil Procedure Code, Schedule 3, Para 7	7	
4	Civil Procedure Code, Order 40, Rule 5	7	
5	Gujarat Talukdars' Act, Section 26	1	
6	Gujarat Talukdars' Act, Section 28	170	
7	Land Revenue Code, Section 144	27	
8	For Loan and Tagavi debts to Government	19	
	(1) Act VI of 1862, 5		
	(2) Others 14		
9	On behalf of creditors	4	
10	Miscellaneous estates	2	
	Total	266	5
		271	

The reduction is due to the omission of Kaira Estates and the release of some estates from management this year.

7. *Estates managed under the Court of Wards Act.*—The number of estates under management was 19, the number being reduced owing to the Kaira Estates being transferred to the Collector. The only estate calling for notice is the Sanand and Koth Estate.

Sanand and Koth Estate.—The figures of collection, &c., are as follows :—

Demand.		Collections.		Remissions.		Balance.	
Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.	Current.	Arrears.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
1,70,862	53,973	1,69,827	24,468	*16,029		598	13,918

Detailed inquiries into arrears resulted in Rs. 15,930 being written off and now only Rs. 14,516 remain. The proportion of the current demand collected was 99·3 per cent. which may be considered exceptionally good. Unfortunately it will be impossible, to make any collections at all this year.

The Thakor Saheb was attacked by influenza, but fortunately recovered after a severe illness. He continues to make exceptionally good progress at Rajkot and is altogether most promising.

8. *Estates managed under the Guardians and Wards Act.*—The number of estates is 10. A separate report has been submitted already. There is nothing worthy of special comment.

9. *Estates managed under Civil Procedure Code, Schedule 3, para. 7.*—There are seven estates this year as against four last year. No estate requires particular notice.

10. *Civil Procedure Code, Order 40, Rule 5.*—There are 7 estates under management this year. Two estates were released and three newly brought under management. No estate requires particular notice.

11. *Estates managed under section 26 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.*—There is only one estate under management, *viz.*,Bhankoda in Viramgam. The term under section 28 had expired, but the factions in the estate referred to in last year's report still continued with the result that management under section 26 was resorted to, with the approval of Government as the only means of saving it.

12. *Estates managed under section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.*—There are 170 estates this year. Last year's figure included Kaira Estates.

The following estates call for special notice :—

Gamph.—Rs. 20,000 against Debt Settlement Loan were paid off this year, the balance of debt being Rs. 1,59,095. Some Rs. 8,000 more would have been paid, but for the omission to carry out the instructions left by me when I was on leave. In point of fact, however, this omission has turned out fortunately as the estate would have otherwise had to borrow money in order to carry on over the present year during which no collections will be possible.

Gangad.—The debts were reduced to Rs. 22,038 and one more good year would have cleared them off. Most unfortunately, however, it will be necessary to borrow a large sum this year thus rendering a further continuance of management necessary.

13. *Estates under section 144 of the Land Revenue Code.*—The number of estates under management was 27 against 31 last year.

14. *Estates managed under Mortgage Deeds.*—

(1) *Act VI of 1862.*—Two estates paid up their debts and were released leaving five under management.

(2) *Other Estates.*—Six estates were released leaving 14 only under management.

* In favour of tenants Rs. 15,930. In favour of the Talukdars, Rs. 99.

15. *Estates on behalf of Creditors.*—The number of estates remains the same, *viz.*, four.

16. *Miscellaneous.*—Two were released leaving two estates under management.

17. *Leases.*—188 estates were leased against 229 last year.

18. *Village Police.*—The situation regarding village police still continues most unsatisfactory, complaints from Police Officials being rife in the Dhandhuka Taluka. I have explained the reasons for this state of affairs in last year's report and need not dilate on it further here.

19. *Work of Bandh Karkuns.*—The pay of these on Rs. 15 was raised to Rs. 20 during the year and they may expect to get the increased War Allowances. Their work continues much the same as last year.

20. *Collections of Rents, &c.*—The figures given below s how the demand collections, &c., for the year.

Demands.			Collections.			Amount written off.		Balance.		
Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.	In favour of tenants.	In favour of Talukdars.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
5,79,243	95,605	6,74,848	5,65,986	35,354	6,01,340	19,826	4,745	9,710	39,227	48,937

The actual collection of current demand was 97.7 per cent., but as the balance was suspended, it was really 100 per cent. Arrears were reduced from Rs. 95,605 to Rs. 39,227.

21. *Conversion of crop share into cash rents.*—This change was introduced into the village of Gunjala in Viramgam. It would have been made into the other villages noted in last year's report during 1918-1919, but has had to qe postponed owing to the famine.

21A. *Leases of waste lands.*—No large blocks of land have been given out this year.

PART IV.—Indebtedness of Estates.

22. *Progress made in Debt Settlement.*—There were 1,261 claims amounting to Rs. 12,55,407 awaiting settlement at the close of last year. Out of these claims, 18 claims for Rs. 30,058 were settled, of which 13 claims amounting to Rs. 7,676 were settled for Rs. 2,021 and the remaining 5 claims were settled by *pullachhut* arrangements. Besides the above 18 claims, 372 claims amounting to Rs. 5,60,340 were filed as hopeless. Thus deducting 390 claims amounting to Rs. 5,90,398, 871 claims amounting to Rs. 6,65,009 remain pending at the close of the year. As there was a little progress in the way of settlement, owing to the surrender of the Government grant, no tabular statements, as shown last year, have been put up this year.

23. *Liquidation of Decretal Debts.*—The total number of decrees and darkhasts under inquiry and execution was 71 and 7 darkhasts were received during the year. Of these, 25 darkhasts were returned to the Courts. They were disposed of as follows:—

	Number.
By amicable settlement	14
By defendants' death	0
Disposed of by Courts either by Mokufnama presented by creditors or for other reasons.	9
Returned to the Collector as darkhasts did not relate to Talukdari lands.	2

The total debt due on these decrees was Rs. 22,488 which was settled for Rs. 5,506, Rs. 266 were paid from the estates' balances and Rs. 5,240 paid by the Talukdars direct.

The total debt due on 53 darkhasts still pending at the close of the year was as follows:—

	No.	Amount.	Remarks.
		Rs.	
Civil Procedure Code, Order 40, Rule 5.	*7	7,055	*Direct management.
Civil Procedure Code, Schedule 3, para 7.	*7	12,088	
Do. do.	15	37,434	Settled for Rs 20,884.
Do do.	24	1,00,286	Under inquiry.
Total	53	1,56,863	

24. *Sanction to incumbrances.*—Sanction under section 31 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act to borrow money was granted to the extent of Rs. 41,029 of which Rs. 40,745 were allowed to be borrowed from private creditors to pay off old debts and to meet domestic needs and the remaining Rs 284 represent the cash value of *pullachhut* incumbrances.

25. *Total Indebtedness of Managed Estates.*—It amounts to Rs. 11,17,354 as against Rs. 14,04,903 last year. No special comments are necessary.

PART V.—Miscellaneous.

26. *Survey and Settlement.*—During the past year I was engaged on the Revenue Settlement of the Dhandhuka Taluka and the Jama settlements of Dhandhuka and Dholka Talukas. Rao Saheb Mohanlal and his special establishment worked in the Panch Mahals and Kaira for the greater part of the season and only took up Viramgam in this district at the end of the season.

27. *Partitions.*—There were five partition suits in the beginning of the year and four new suits were brought during the year. One was disposed of and hence eight suits remained pending at the close of the year.

28. *Litigation.*—There were 81 suits pending in the Courts in the beginning of the year and 18 new suits were brought during the year. Out of these, 39 were decided, 38 in favour of the estates and one against the estate. Thus 60 suits remained pending at the close of the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. G. GORDON,

Talukdari Settlement Officer.

No. 1 of 1919.

FROM

J. C. KER, Esq., I.C.S.,

Collector of Kaira;

To

THE COMMISSIONER,

Northern Division, Ahmedabad.

Kaira, January 11, 1919.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Talukdari Estates in this District for the year ending 31st July 1918.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY AND TOUR.

2. *Charge.*—Last year these estates were under the management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer, Ahmedabad, but under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 7040, dated 8th June 1917, they were transferred to this office. This is, therefore, the first separate report on the Talukdari Estates in this district. Mr. Ghosal held charge from the commencement of the year to 7th October 1917, and again from 7th February 1918 to 20th April 1918, Mr. Namjoshi acting as Collector and Talukdari Settlement Officer during the intervening period. I held charge from 21st April 1918 till the end of the year.

3. *Character of the Season.*—The rainfall in the district lasted for a much longer period than usual and was largely in excess of the normal and in consequence the crops were damaged to a serious extent; some damage was done by rats also.

4. *Annual Tour.*—While in Mehmedabad in the course of his tour Mr. Namjoshi enquired into the affairs of the Mahij and the two Kaira Estates, and also enquired about the babuls cut by a fuel merchant of Mehmedabad without the permission of the Talukdari Settlement Officer. At Mahudha in Nadiad Taluka he saw the Talukdars of the Marida Estate which had lately been taken under management and which needed his personal attention. In Kapadwanj Taluka he settled a family dispute between the uncle and the nephew of the Dadana Muvada Inamdar and at Dakor he inspected the accounts of Jasapura, Jorapura and other Talukdari Estates. At Thasra he saw the Thakor of Chitlav who held his estate on lease for a sum of Rs. 1,200 and who wanted his advice. In January he camped at Traj and enquired into the condition of Hariala and Kharati Estates, and in Dabhan in Nadiad Taluka in which the two Kaira Thakors own a wanta, he settled several disputes regarding the ownership of certain pieces of land with some of the tenants of the estates. In the middle of February, Mr. Ghosal visited Matar Taluka where the passive resistance movement was making collections difficult. In the second week of March, he encamped at Borsad and inspected the accounts of the many Talukdari Estates situated in that taluka.

PART II.—REVENUE ADMINISTRATION.

5. *Collection of Jama.*—Detailed figures are given in Statement I. Out of the total current year's demand of Rs. 51,423, the collections amounted to Rs. 50,321, leaving Rs. 975 as suspended arrears in Matar, Mehmedabad and

Nadiad Talukas, Rs. 127 having been remitted on account of water rate in the Estates of Naika (Matar) and Marida (Nadiad). In addition to this a sum of Rs. 201 was recovered on account of the suspended arrears of last year in Matar Taluka.

6. *Collection of Tagai.*—Out of the year's demand of Rs. 2,103 Rs. 1,678 representing nearly 80 per cent. were recovered during the year leaving Rs. 425 as unauthorized arrears. The details are given in Statement II.

The collection of Tagai dues was also rendered very difficult by the agitation against the payment of the Land revenue demand; the major portion of the arrears were in Matar Taluka in which the agitation was strongest.

With reference to Government Order No. 4712, Financial Department dated 22nd December 1915:—

(*a*) No Tagai was lent on the security of estates.

(*b*) No Tagai was paid by estates as surety.

(*c*) No recoveries were made from tenants in respect of (*b*).

7. *Collections on Loan Accounts.*—Statement III which is divided into three sections, gives details regarding collections made against—

A. Loans advanced under Act XXI of 1881.

B. Loans advanced for Debt Settlement.

D. Loans advanced during the scarcity of 1911-1912 and subsequent years.

Statement A.

Loans advanced under Act XXI of 1881.—The balance of debt due by the four Borsad Estates managed under this Act amounted to Rs. 3,734, including Rs. 267 of interest, at the commencement of the year; the total repayments made by them on account of principal and interest amounted to Rs. 860, the balance due at the end of the year being Rs. 2,527 principal and Rs. 124 interest. The chief item of repayment was a sum of Rs. 600 paid by the Napa Estate of Fatesing Bapuji.

Statement B.

Loans advanced for Debt Settlement.— The balance due at the beginning of the year was Rs. 74,183, to which Rs. 4,365 were added on account of interest. Out of this Rs. 10,628, including Rs. 4,600 for interest, were recovered during the year, the balance remaining unpaid at the end of September 1918 being Rs. 67,920 including Rs. 8,135 as interest. No new loan was advanced and recoveries were made as funds permitted.

Statement D.

Loans granted for maintenance in the scarcity of 1911-1912 and subsequent years.—The total debt under this head amounted in the commencement of the year to Rs. 1,172 to which Rs. 58 were added on account of interest. Out of this amount Rs 1,137, including Rs. 161 as interest were repaid during the year, the balance at the close of the year being Rs. 93 only. The chief items of repayment were Rs. 510 paid by the estate of Thakor Himatsing Takhatsing (Kherda) and Rs. 450 paid by the Warsang Estate in Matar Taluka which has been retained under the management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer, Ahmedabad, under the orders contained in Government Order No. 1630, Revenue Department, dated 18th February 1918.

PART III.—MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES.

8. *Classification of Estates.* The following table shows the estates (Talukdari and Non-talukdari) under the management of the Collector under different Acts :—

Serial No.	Authority.	Talukdari.	Non-talukdari.
1	Court of Wards Act	7	6
2	Guardians and Wards Act	2	8
3	Act XXI of 1881	4	0
4	Gujarat Talukdars' Act, section 28	40	0
5	Land Revenue Code, section 144	1	0
6	Miscellaneous.	1	0
	Total	55	14
		69	

Non-talukdari estates under the Court of Wards Act and Guardians and Wards Act have been omitted from this report, as separate detailed reports regarding them have already been submitted to Government. These figures are inclusive of three new estates taken under management and exclusive of eleven released from management during the year. Of the latter three were under management under Act XXI of 1881, six under section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act and one each under the heads of Land Revenue Code, section 144 and Miscellaneous.

9. *Estates managed under the Court of Wards Act.*—The number of Talukdari Estates under management under this Act was seven, the same as last year. No new estate was taken over and none was released during the year.

Ahima Estate.—The Ahima Estate situated in Anand Taluka consists of half of Ahima Talukdari village and wantas in seven other villages yielding an annual income of Rs. 9,607, of which Rs. 9,492 were recovered during the year. The Ward is studying in the 1st Standard in the Government High School, Nadiad, and resides in the Nadiad Talukdari Hostel. Steps are being taken to increase the income of the estate by clearing and letting out the Bhatha lands of the estate. Some of the tenants of the estate have made encroachments on the Darbari lands and a survey of lands in the tenants' possession is, therefore, necessary. This will, it is anticipated, increase the income of the estate to a material extent. As the people of Jitpura, a hamlet of Ahima, were suffering a great deal of inconvenience owing to the insufficiency of the drinking water supply, estimates for sinking and repairing the village well amounting to Rs 975 have just been sanctioned. A suit filed by the Ward's brother's wife claiming maintenance allowance at a higher rate was decided against her. Another suit filed by a tenant of Bharoda wanta claiming permanent tenancy is pending in the Umreth Court. The Darbar buildings are in a dilapidated condition and stand in need of repairs. Postal Cash Certificates of the value of Rs. 3,870 were purchased from the balance of the estate and a sum of Rs. 2,000 was advanced to the Dehwan Estate at 6 per cent. interest. The agricultural income of the estate in 1916-17 was Rs 8,122 and there has thus been an increase in the income of Rs. 1,500 which reflects credit on the Deputy Manager.

Janod Estate.—The Janod Estate which is situated at the farthest end of the Thasra Taluka consists of the village of Janod and fourteen hamlets in its vicinity. Two of its villages and wanta lands are in Godhra Taluka, and are under the management of the Collector of the Panch Mahals. The total demand of the portion of the estate in this district was Rs. 16,087 of which Rs. 13,787 were recovered during the year, Rs. 1,831 being written off as 25 per cent. remission of rent given under the order of the Talukdari Settlement Officer owing to its

sudden abnormal increase ; Rs. 386 were recovered after the close of the year, and Rs. 83 remained due from the tenants. As anticipated in last year's report, the tenants of Piludra filed suits against the estate claiming permanent tenancy and they are pending in the District Court. The suit filed by a distant relative of the late Thakor disputing the Ward's adoption has not yet been decided. One of the hamlets named Prathirajpura having been leased to a Bania of Ahima for a period of 10 years at premia rising to Rs. 1,400 the lessee has applied for an extension of the period of the lease with a view to the investment of a large sum in the improvement of the soil. It is proposed to establish a hamlet to be named Natwarpura in memory of the Ward Natwarsingji in about 800 acres of waste lands near Janod. If a well is built there, these lands can be brought under the plough. Rs. 4,000 were paid this year from the balance of the estate in repayment of Government loan which amounted to Rs. 20,192, in the beginning of the year. In addition to this, a sum of Rs. 2,000 was paid for medical expenses for the Ward's mother from the balance of the estate. The Darbari buildings are badly in need of repair. Government have recently decided the appeal made to the Commissioner regarding the ownership of three survey numbers and a hamlet named Vanek Bordi situated within the limits of the Government village of Vanoda ; except for one survey number the decision is in favour of the Thakor, subject to the restriction that these lands are to be held by him on personal inam tenure, in the same way as his other wanta lands, and that he shall not be entitled to levy revenue on the two survey numbers which contain a tank and a burial ground (Government Order No. 11480. R. D., dated 25th November 1918). The Ward who is 9 years of age receives private tuition in Lunawada.

10. *Estates managed under the Guardians and Wards Act.*— A separate detailed report has already been submitted to Government. Both the Talukdari Estates were under management during the year. The only event worth mentioning was the death of one of the Lindora minors of plague at Lindora in February last. The other eight estates under management in this class were Non-talukdari.

11. *Estates managed under Act XXI of 1881.*—There were seven estates under management under this Act at the commencement of the year. Three of them having paid off their debt due to Government were released from management, two being restored to the Thakors and one continued under management under section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdar's Act with the consent of the Talukdar.

12. *Estates managed under section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.*— There were 40 estates in this class as against 44 last year. During the year two new estates were taken over and six released under section 29F of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act as they were involved beyond all hope of extrication. Most of them are under management for the liquidation of debts.

The following estates call for particular notice :—

The Dehwan Estate.—It is the most important estate in the district having an income of Rs. 14,000. It consists of two whole villages and 28 wantas situated in the Borsad and Jambusar Talukas and in the Baroda and Cambay territories. The collections made by the estate during the year amounted to Rs. 12,800 out of a demand of Rs. 14,050, Rs. 537 recovered by the Thakor direct from the tenants being written off; the balance is due to litigation pending in the Civil Courts. A further sum of Rs. 149 was recovered on account of arrears, and the Government dues, Rs. 3,807-13-3, were paid in full. As the estate was involved in no less than 107 suits and appeals in the District Court and the High Court no progress could be made in the repayment of the Government loan. In August 1917, the estate's balance was only Rs. 285 and the Thakor's maintenance allowance was in arrears by Rs. 1,060. To keep it going a sum of Rs. 3,200 was borrowed from other estates under management and repaid to them during the year. Prabhatsingji, the younger brother of the Thakor having married, the Thakor felt obliged to give him his own house to live in and in order to build a house for himself he was permitted to borrow a sum of Rs. 1,500 by a mortgage of 16 Vighas of his land and a further sum of Rs. 1,500 on his personal security. [The Thakor Saheb is a cheerful optimist who spends his

allowance long before he gets it, and relies quite happily on the probability that he would win a large number of the pending suits. Fortunately he did win in a test case which will govern the decision in 100 suits filed against him by his tenants, and the position of the estate will thereby be much improved, but his personal extravagance makes it very difficult to manage].

A suit filed by a mortgagee of Ras who was illegally in possession and was evicted under section 202 of the Land Revenue Code has been decided in favour of the Thakor. Another suit filed by his brother Prabhatsingji against the Thakor Saheb to obtain Jivai lands from the estate is pending in the Civil Court, and a third suit filed by a collateral of the Thakor in respect of his Jivai land has been settled by compromise.

Kherda Estate (*Kherda Thakor Himatsingji*).—This estate which consists of half of Khedra and Rajupura in Anand Taluka has an income of Rs. 8,000 per annum. The estate is, however, leased to the Thakor for a sum of Rs. 1,750 on his agreeing to pay the Government dues, his own and his mother's maintenance allowance, village police and management charges. The Thakor could not pay the lease money this year in full, and the arrears were recovered by the attachment of his Giras and Kothli Santh allowances. The Thakor is a quiet and simple man surrounded by persons who take advantage of him. In view of these circumstances the cancellation of his lease was considered, but as he has agreed to pay the lease money from the Giras and Kothli Santh allowances further action has been postponed for the present. The balance of maintenance loan due by the estate amounting to Rs. 510 has been repaid to Government in full and a further sum of Rs. 1,000 has been credited in repayment of Government Debt Settlement Loan. The balance of Government loan due by the estate was Rs. 10,921 at the close of the year.

13. *Estates managed under section 144 of the Land Revenue Code.*—There were two estates under management under this section, one of which was realeased during the year.

14. *Miscellaneous Estates.*—There were two estates under management under this head, one of them, Mogar (Shivsingji Gumansinigji), being released during the year. Ornaments of the value of about Rs. 3,100 which were deposited in the office of the Mamlatdar of Anand have been restored to the Talukdar along with his other property.

15. *The General System of Administration in Managed Estates.*—The system of assessing the management charges described in para. 21 of the Talukdari Settlement Officer's Administration Report for 1915-16 is in force in this district. The charges are recovered at the rate of 10 per cent. on the average income, which is fixed for a period of five years.

The Talatis' accounts are examined in the office of the Deputy Manager and they are tested by the Talukdari staff while on tour.

16. *Collection of Rents in directly Managed Estates and of Lease Consideration in indirectly Managed Estates.*—The season being none too favourable, it had its effect on the collection of rents in estates under management. Out of a total rental demand of Rs. 1,13,761, Rs. 94,436 representing 83 per cent., were collected; a further sum of Rs. 1,680 was recovered on account of arrears. A sum of Rs. 7,030 was adjusted on account of homefarm lands of Talukdars and Rs. 3,197 were written off as irrecoverable from the tenants. Of the balance of Rs. 24,101, Rs. 9,432 were authorized suspensions and Rs. 14,669 were unauthorized. The arrears are due to suspensions of rents granted in Matar and Nadiad Talukas owing to the partial failure of the crops, to the inclusion of inflated demands in the records of some estates which will ultimately have to be written off, and to the Umeta Thakor's highhanded action in collecting the rents of the lands of his Bhayat's estate on the ground that some of the lands had reverted to him. Rents in Talukdari villages are usually 1½ times and sometimes two or three times the assessment. Where the rents are high, they have perforce to be written off as irrecoverable after some years; some of these arrears are 10 or 12 years old, and the Deputy Manager has been directed to enquire into the condition of each tenant and to report how much of the arrears are recoverable and how much must be remitted as irrecoverable.

As stated above under the heading of Kherda the lease money of the Khedra estate, amounting to Rs. 1,750, was recovered by the attachment of the Thakor's Giras and Kothli Santh allowances. The Thakor of Chitlav in Thasra Taluka failed to pay the lease amount of Rs. 1,200 and is in arrears to the extent of Rs. 755. As the Thakor was unable to pay it in full owing to his having spent Rs. 4,000 in building a new house for himself, the recovery of Rs. 755 was suspended. Kabhai Rupsang of Napad, who was given a lease of his estate for Rs. 300, having failed to pay, his lease was cancelled and direct management resumed.

PART IV.—Indebtedness of Estates.

17. *Total Indebtedness of Managed Estates.*—Statement VI gives the total indebtedness of Managed Estates. Column 6 of the statement shows that the balance of debt due to private creditors amounted at the commencement of the year to Rs. 1,39,781. This includes Rs. 1,25,261 of claims transferred from the office of the Talukdari Settlement Officer and the balance represents the amount of encumbrances and debts permitted to be created for the repayment of debts long standing. Of the former amount claims of Rs. 35,602 were cancelled on account of estates released from management, leaving Rs. 89,659 outstanding.

The estates to which the major portion of the outstanding claims relate are:—

(1) The Marida Estate.

(2) The Umeta Estate of Nathubava Bhagvansing and

(3) The Umeta Estate of Fulsingji Narsingji.

The Marida Estate.—The claims against this estate amount to Rs. 50,626. The estate came under management in October 1916 and the period of notice under section 29B of the Gujrat Talukdars' Act calling upon creditors to submit their claims within six months expired in July 1917. Accounts of their claims submitted by twenty-two creditors have been examined, and enquiries regarding the rest are proceeding. The financial condition of the estate was very poor during the year, the net income of the estate amounting to about Rs. 800 being used up in defending the Talukdars in a criminal enquiry in which they were involved. Owing to the want of balance in the estate and the reduction of the Government grant, cash was not available to induce creditors to come to terms in settlement of their claims. Some settlements have, however, been made since the close of the year. The major portion of the estates' lands have changed hands a number of times by mortgage and sale; several of the alienees being of Nadiad and, therefore, likely to fight to the last, the solution of the problem is not easy.

Umeta Estate of Nathubava Bhavansing.—The claims filed against this estate which has a gross income of Rs. 58, only per annum amount to Rs. 10,108. The estate is in a hopeless condition and steps are being taken to release it from Government management.

Umeta Estate of Fulsingji Narsingji.—This estate belongs to the son of a Bhayat of the Umeta Thakor who has lately died and the Thakor of Umeta has made a claim to the estate by right of reversion. The claims filed against the estate amount to Rs. 9,030. The bulk of the estate is mortgaged with possession to Government for the recovery of loan advanced for debt settlement and its income is greatly reduced owing to a dispute with the Umeta Thakor Saheb who has confiscated some of the minor's lands situated in the agency. The income of the estate at present is hardly sufficient to pay the maintenance charges of the Thakarani and the management charges and there is no balance available for payment in settlement of claims. In view of these circumstances it is not advisable to advance a further Government loan to the estate. Enquiry is being made as regards the Thakor's claim to the estate and if the decision is in his favour, the estate will pass into his hands.

As Mr. Gordon has pointed out in para. 25 of his report for 1916-17 all settlements admitting of easy disposal have already been finished off leaving only those which are of a difficult nature.

Claims amounting to Rs. 6,104 were settled for Rs. 3,230 representing 53 per cent. of the amount of claims.

The small amount of debt settlement done was due to the facts that the funds to the credit of estates in the beginning of the year were limited, the season was unfavourable and hence larger allowances had to be granted to the Talukdars to compensate them for deficiency in the income of homefarm lands, and the Government grant was reduced owing to the War. Unless he is prepared to offer cash the Talukadari Settlement Officer is unable to induce creditors to reduce their claims and come to a settlement, as he has not the powers of retrenchment conferred by the Sind Encumbered Estates Act on the manager of those estates.

Postal Cash Certificates of the face value of Rs. 12,960 were purchased from the balance of prosperous estates during the year.

18. *Sanction to create Incumbrances.*--Sanction under section 31 (1) of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act to borrow money by encumbering the estate lands was granted to the following two estates to the extent of Rs. 3,400 as shown below :—

To the Dehwan Estate of Takhatsing Prabhatsing.	Rs. 400	by *watantar* mortgage of 2 acres, 25 gunthas of land—Rs. 200 for marriage and Rs. 200 for house repairs.
To the Dehwan Estate of Thakor Narsingji Mehramansingji.	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 1,500 by a mortgage of 16 bighas of land yielding an annual rent of Rs. 20 only and an equal amount on personal security.

These sanctions are not given except in cases of absolute necessity and only when the estate is under management.

PART V.—Miscellaneous.

19. *Survey and Settlement.*—The period of five years for which the Jama of the Talukdari villages of Hariala and Kharanti was sanctioned (Government Resolution No. 8039 of 18th August 1909) having expired, proposals for the revision of the Jama of these two villages are due to Government. These have been delayed pending receipt of Government orders on the proposals regarding the maximum rates of these villages forwarded to Government in June 1917. The enquiry into the alienations comprised in these villages was completed by the Assistant Survey Settlement Officer, Talukdari Estates, during the year.

Under the orders contained in Government Resolution No. 7040, dated 8th June 1917, Revenue Department, Government have thrown the responsibility of maintaining the crop records and boundary marks and keeping the Settlement Registers of Talukdari villages up to date on the revenue establishment. Settlement Registers of about 30 Talukdars' wantas have not been prepared and a request to depute the Assistant Survey Settlement Officer and his staff this fair season for this purpose was made to you in this Office No. 368, dated 31st October 1918. A reply has since been received that they are not likely to have time this year as their services are urgently required elsewhere.

20. *Litigation.*—Litigation connected with important estates such as Dehwan, Ahima and Janod has been described under the headings of the estates concerned. The only other litigation of importance was that connected with the Sokhda wanta (Matar) belonging to the two Kaira Estates, four tenants of which have filed suits against the Talukdars claiming permanent tenancy. Voluminous evidence has been put in on either side and the suits, which are strongly contested, are pending in the Court of the Sub-Judge at Kaira. Out of the 168 suits and appeals which were pending in Civil Courts, 43 were decided during the year, 26 in favour of the Talukdari Department and 16 against it and one was settled by compromise.

21. *Education.*—Details regarding the education of minors whose estates are under management under the Guardians and Wards and Court of Wards Acts are shown in the separate reports on the administration of the estates.

Talukdars are a very backward class and require constant pressure to make them send their children to school. During the year under report only 78 Talukdari children attended the village schools according to the figures supplied by the Educational authorities. Orders have been issued to the Mamlatdars and the Deputy Manager to persuade the parents and guardians of Talukdari children during their visits to villages to send them to school, but the Talukdars are not yet alive to the advantages of education, mainly because they have apparently no ambition and are content to sit with their hands folded and collect their rents.

21-A. *Nadiad Hostel.*—The number of boys in the Hostel was 36 in the beginning of the year; nine more were admitted and ten left, leaving 35 at the end of the year. Two of the latter passed University Examinations—one the Matriculation and the other the School Final, two died and the others left as they were too old to remain at school. The construction of the Hostel building was completed under the able supervision of the late Local Fund Overseer, Mr. Chimanlal, now deceased, and the boys have removed to the new building. A sick room, servants' quarters, a store room, furniture, iron fencing round the compound and many other things are required to make the Hostel complete, but they cannot be supplied for want of funds. The present year being a poor one the Talukdars cannot be fairly called upon to contribute any large sum. Four scholarships, each of Rs. 5 per mensem are given to deserving Hostel boys by the Thakors of Dehwan, Sarod (Broach District), Kherda Himatsingji and Napad Balvantsingji. The boys receive instruction in cricket, football and indoor games, and one of them won a medal and a bat for making the highest score in a cricket match against the Godhra High School team. Owing to the present scarcity and the small number of boys in the Hostel, it is working at a loss which has to be made up every year from the Talukdars' Jubilee Fund, major portion of the Kaira Share of which has by this time been used up. The Hostel belongs to the Talukdars of the Broach and Kaira Districts and unless they make the institution self supporting by liberal contributions, Government aid will have to be sought. The Hostel Superintendent, Mr. Kapadia, manages the Hostel very economically and satisfactorily in what are at present rather difficult and uncomfortable conditions due to lack of funds and necessary amenities.

22. *Establishment.*—The present establishment consisting of one Head Clerk, two clerks and two peons transferred from the office of the Talukdari Settlement Officer, Ahmedabad, was sanctioned in Government Order No. 2126, F. D., dated 4th June 1918. All account work, including the preparation of loan accounts of estates under management, is done by this office as well as all management, debt settlement, audit and other work connected with estates, whether Talukdari or not, managed under the Gujarat Talukdars Act, the Guardians and Wards Act and the Court of Wards Act. The volume of work is thus very great and the Head Clerk, Mr. Keshavlal and his staff have done excellent work throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. C. KER,

Collector of Kaira.

No. T.S.O. 101.

FROM

W. W. SMART, Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of the Panch Mahals;

To

THE COMMISSIONER,
Northern Division, Ahmedabad.

Camp Kalol, January 12, 1919.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Administration of the Talukdari Estates in this district for the year 1917-1918.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY AND TOUR.

2. *Estates.*—The Talukdari Estates in the district are given in Statement I.

Character of the Season.—The year under report was one of abundant rainfall and continuous rain damaged the bajri crop and injured other kharif crops except maize which was very good. On the whole, kharif crops were very fair. The rabi crops were good and the outturn excellent.

Tanks were filled to their utmost capacity and the level of water in wells rose.

Tour.—The etates visited by me and by the Sub-Divisional Officers were as per Statement attached.

PART II.—REVENUE ADMINISTRATION.

3. *Collection of Jama.*—The Jama to be paid by the various estates is shown in Statement I. The total demand for the year was Rs. 48,696 There were no arrears of previous years. The demand of the last year was Rs. 47,886-14-0+Rs. 3,433 on account of suspensions of the past year's demand. The difference is due to the varying Jama of Mawasi villages of Kalol Taluka. The whole of the demand was recovered without any difficulty and there remained no arrears to be recovered at the end of the year Proposals for the revision of the Jama of the estates in Godhra Taluka have been submitted to you under my Office No. S. R. V. 1, dated 9th October 1917, and are under consideration.

4. *Tagai.*—The total demand was Rs. 3,459 and it was recovered in full. There were no unauthorised arrears at the end of the year. Details of Tagai demand and collections are given in Statement II :—

(1) The amount for which the estates stand security;

(2) that paid by the estates in the capacity of surety and;

(3) that recovered from tenants in respect of payments under (2) was respectively Rs. 1,970, nil and nil.

5. *Loans.*—The details of Loan Advances are given in Statement III. The balance of loans advanced for maintenance was Rs. 1,919-1-0 on 30th September 1917 including interest. No fresh loan was advanced during the year and the instalments were fully paid up together with interest due on them. The balance outstanding at the close of the year (30th September 1918) was Rs. 884-6-0.

PART III.—Management of Estates.

6. There was no change in the estates under management during the year. There were—

A. Under the Court of Wards Act—

(1) Mehlol (Godhra).

(2) Shivrajpur (Halol).

B. Under section 26 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act—

(3) Metral (Godhra).

(4) Kanjari (Halol).

C. Under section 28 of the Guajrat Talukdars' Act—

(5) Vadi (Godhra).

(6) Vallavpur (do).

(7) Chhanip (do).

(8) Kanpur (Kalol).

(9) Naranpaginu Muvadu (Kolal.)

D. Under Land Revenue Code—

(10) Nathujinu Muvadu (Godhra.)

(11) Vandeli (do).

(12) Bedia (Kalol).

A separate report has been submitted for the estates managed under the Court of Wards Act.

Mehlol.—There has been no change in the establishment entertained for management.

In view of the increase of work due to large areas of waste land being brought under cultivation, the salaries of the Talatis have been slightly raised. The demand for waste land at high prices still continues and it has strengthened the financial condition of the estate and this is the cause of increase in revenue. It has been considered advisable to improve the establishment and residence of the Talukdar. A bungalow is under construction for residential purposes and this accounts for the increase in expenditure.

Two sons of the Talukdar have continued their studies in the Talukdari School at Godhra.

Shivrajpur.—The manganese mines produced a large output of ore on account of the War but the income from royalty was not large as the rate has been reduced. Increase in income is partly due to the good price realised on the sale of forests and partly to the big amount realised on account of interest on the money invested in the War Loan. The increase in expenditure is due to the increased expenditure on small public works.

The minor Thakor is getting on well at the Talukdari School. His betrothed is being educated at Jambughoda near her father's home.

Metral.—The young Thakor continued to take great interest in the affairs of the estate. There was no change in the establishment of management. Uncles of the late Thakor have filed a civil suit for a share of the estate, but it has not yet been decided.

Kanjari.—The Kanjari Estate was again leased to the Thakor for another year and he has been given more powers in land administration and greater control over expenditure. A bench with third class magisterial powers consisting of the Thakor, his Karbhari and one local gentleman was created during the year and is working well. The Thakor has one son aged about 8 years and he is studying at Baroda.

There is nothing particular to note about the other estates.

PART IV.—Indebtedness.

7. The estates which are in debt are—

(1) Naranpaginu Muvadu, and

(2) Kanpur.

A liquidation scheme has been prepared for these estates. A fresh decree of Rs. 2,310 has been passed by the Civil Court against the Mewasdar of Naranpaginu Muvadu; a settlement with the creditor has been agreed upon permitting payment of the debt in instalments.

The debt which the estate of Kanpur owes is being paid from savings.

Wadi and Vallavpur Estates are now free from debts.

PART V.—Miscellaneous.

8. *Settlement Registers.*—The Revision of the Settlement Registers has been completed during the year under report.

Co-operative Credit Societies.—No new Co-operative Credit Society was started in any of the estates during the year. The two societies in Kanjari Estate, one at Kanjari and the other at Rustompura, continued to do good work with the help of the funds advanced from Kanjari Estate. The society at Rustompura has also received a substantial assistance from Sardar Bamanji A. Dalal who has deposited Rs. 1,000 with the society.

The society at Bedia is also doing useful work, but it has not enough funds to give material assistance to its members. The additional societies to be started in Kanjari and Limbdi Estaes have not yet opened, but it is hoped that they will come into existence during the current year.

Record of Rights.

It is not introduced in any estate during the year under report.

Tenants of the Managed Estates of Godhra Taluka have been encouraged to dig new wells by the remission of the water rate hitherto levied for water taken from the wells constructed at their expense.

The estates that had surplus funds have subscribed liberally to the 2nd Indian War Loan.

Statements I to VI accompany.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. W. SMART.

Collector, Panch Mahals.

STATEMENT OF TOURS.

Statement showing the Talukdari Estate visited by the Collector and Sub-Divisional Officers during the year, 1917-18.

Names of Villages	Taluka in which situated.	Whether visited by Collector or Sub-Divisional Officer.	Date.		No. of days.	Remarks.
			From	To		
Shivrajpur	Halol	Assistant Collector, Panch Mahals.	28-9-17		1	
Do.	Do.	Do	8-2-18		1	
Mehlol	Godhra	Do.	19-11-17	24-11-17	6	
Rena	Do.	Do.	2-12-17	7-12-17	6	
Bedia	Kalol	Do.	10-1-18	16-1-18	7	
Bhamaria	Halol	Do.	9-2-18	11-2-18	3	
Kanjari	Do.	Do.	1-3-18	5-3-18	5	
Limbdi	Jhalod	District Deputy Collector, Panch Mahals.	26-11-17	30-11-17	5	
Do.	Do.	Do.	24-3-18	26-3-18	3	
Kadmal	Do.	Do.	22-3-18	23-3-18	2	
Amba	Do.	Do.	2-4-18	5-4-18	4	
Lilwa	Do.	Do.	28-11-17		1	
Shivrajpur	Halol	Collector, Panch Mahals.	4-12-17	8-12-17	5	
Do.	Do.	Do.	17-12-17		1	
Rustompura	Do.	Do.	14-12-17	16-12-17	3	
Limbdi	Jhalod	Do.	10-1-18	14-1-18	5	

W. W. SMART,
Collector, Panch Mahals.

No. Br. Tal. 38 of 1918.

FROM

C. H. BLATHWAYT, Esq., B.A., I.C.S.,
Collector of Broach.

To

THE COMMISSIONER,
Northern Division, Ahmedabad.

Camp Sarod, December 6, 1918.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit my report on the administration of the Talukdari Estates of the Broach District for the year ending 31st July 1918.

PART I.—PRELIMINARY AND TOUR.

1. *Charge.*—I held charge of the Talukdari Estates in this district which consists chiefly of wantas in Government villages during the whole year of 1917-18.

2. *Character of the Season.*—This has already been described in the Land Revenue Administration Report of the district for 1917-18. The rainfall was adequate and the season was quite favourable. The abnormal prices of cotton and its good yield greatly improved the condition of the cultivators.

3. *Tour.*—Most of the places where there are important estates were visited. The Settlement Registers were checked and the work of liquidation of debts was also done during the tour. A camp was specially made at Matar, where an attempt was made to solve problems connected with this troublesome estate.

PART II—REVENUE ADMINISTRATION.

4. *Collection of Jama.*—The figures of demand, collection and arrears of Jama are given in detail in Statement I. The current demand as well as the resuspended arrears of Rs. 25 only of the year 1915-16, were fully recovered. There were no suspensions in the year 1916-17.

5. *Collection of Tagai.*—The Tagai demand of the year was completely recovered and there remained no arrears at the end of the year, as shown in Statement II.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 4712, F. D., dated 22nd December 1915, I beg to state that—

(*a*) no amount of tagai was lent on the security of estates ;

(*b*) no amount of tagai was paid by estates as surety ;

(*c*) no amount has been recovered from tenants in respect of (*b*).

6. *Collections on Loan Accounts.*—Statement III, Part B, is submitted. Parts A, C and D are blank.

Statement III, Part B, relates to loans advanced for debt settlement.

Recoveries amounted to Rs. 8,382 out of Rs. 39,735 against Rs. 15,775 out of Rs. 51,388 in the previous year. There remained arrears of Rs. 31,353 at the close of the year. A fresh loan of Rs. 2,000 was advanced to the estate of Thakor Raysangji Jasvantsangji of Sigam during the year to redeem certain mortgaged lands.

All maintenance loans were fully recovered in the previous year and so nothing had to be recovered during the year on that account in any of the estates.

PART III.—Management of Estates.

7. *Classification of Estates.*—As shown in the last year's report, there were 40 Talukdari Estates under my management at the commencement of the year:—

2	Under Civil Procedure Code, Schedule III, para. 7.
38	Under section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.
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One estate of Jasbha Fatesang of Amod, Taluka Amod was taken under management under section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act, as per G. R. No. 6900, dated 16th July 1909 issued during the time of the management of the Talukdari Settlement Officer. It appears, however, that at that time no steps were taken to assume the actual management of the estate. As it remained unnoticed till now it was not shown to be under management in the previous reports. On enquiry it appeared that the lands of the estate were in possession of another Talukdar, the property being joint. I made special enquiry into the matter and got the lands of the estate verified. The income of the estate was also recovered and credited to its accounts in the current year. Thus there were 41 estates under management during the year as shown in the accompanying Statements.

8. Of these 41 estates, the following estates were released from management from 1st August 1918:—

(1) Sarod—Sardar Udeysangji Ganpatsangji.
(2) Amod—Dajibava Parbatsang.
(3) Tanchha—Bavabhai Nathabhai.
(4) ,, Himatsang Pratapsang.
(5) ,, Becharsang Ratansang.
(6) ,, Bai Divali, widow of Abhesang Badharsang.
(7) ,, Gemalsang Amarsang.
(8) ,, Fatesang Kabhai.

Nos. 1 to 7 were under management under section 28 of the Talukdari Act and No. 8 under Civil Procedure Code, Schedule III, para. 7.

9. *Sarod Estate.*—The Thakor was given the Ijara of his estate for 1917-1918 in order to initiate him into the magagement of his estate. The budget control was kept with the Collector and supervision was exercised over the Thakor's management. Fortunately the season was favourable and the Thakor could recover the estate's dues satisfactorily. An advantage of this arrangement was that the Thakor became familiar with his tenants and this should enable him to manage his estate ably in future. As agreed upon, he paid up the amount due from him on account of debt settlement loan in addition to Government Jama. As the debt was paid up and the Thakor seemed capable of managing his affairs well, the relinquishment of the estate from management from 1st August 1918 was recommended, and the estate is now free from management.

10. *Matar Estate.*—There is no debt on this estate. I visited Matar especially to discuss matters with the Thakor. He was advised to pay due care to the education of his son. Now the boy is regularly sent to school and the help of a private tutor is also afforded. A new haveli is to be built for the Thakor at Matar. Plans and estimates have been got prepared by the Supervisor, P.W.D., and materials are also accumulated. This matter is

receiving my attention and it is hoped the work of construction will shortly be taken on hand. This question of a haveli has been pending for several years.

11. *Miscellaneous Estates.*—Six estates in Vagra Taluka were continued on lease to the estate-owners during the year under report, and the Talukdars have paid the fixed amounts in full towards the repayment of loan debt in accordance with the terms of their lease.

12. *The General Administration in Managed Estates.*—Due care was taken to manage the estates with as little cost as possible. With this in view, and since the big estate of Sarod has been liberated from management, the post of one Upri Karkun has been abolished at the end of the year under report.

13. *Collection of Rents.*—Out of the total rental demand of Rs. 75,331 consisting of Rs. 58,375 for the current year and Rs. 16,956 on account of the arrears of the previous years, Rs. 57,741 were recovered. Rs. 8,461 being rents due from tenants were written off as the arrears were of long standing. Rs. 2,306 were adjusted as rents of lands given to Talukdars in shape of maintenance. The arrears at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 6,823 of which Rs. 949 belong to 1917-1918 and Rs. 5,874 to previous years. Most of these arrears are in dispute. Steps are, however, in progress to clear them off, though it will take time as the current season is not good.

PART IV.—Indebtedness of Estates.

14. *Progress made in Debt Settlement.*—At the commencement of the year the total debt on account of the claims of private creditors against the managed estates amounted to Rs. 1,68,952. Debts of Rs. 32,843 were liquidated during the year for Rs. 5,353 only. Some of the debts being time-barred were rejected. The work of settlement of claims was satisfactory. Though a new debt of Rs. 6,400 was effected in the year under report, the total debt of private creditors has been reduced to Rs. 1,43,308, by careful scrutiny of the claims in the touring season. But for the prevailing scarcity in the current season some more settlements would have been effected.

Out of the outstanding debts of Rs. 1,43,308 at the close of the year, a debt of Rs. 99,370 relates to the estate of Takhatsang Mohansang of Matar. The debt of this estate has been reduced from Rs. 1,21,003 to Rs. 99,370. Enquiry is in progress with a view to reduce the debt to an appreciable extent. The only property of this estate (*viz.*, 40 acres of land) has been mortgaged by the Talukdar and the darkhast of one of the creditors is pending before the Civil Court for execution against the mortgaged property. The execution has been opposed and when it is finally decided by the Court, steps will be taken to release the lands from mortgage.

In addition to this, several lands of the aunt of the Thakor of Sigam, which were mortgaged to several persons were redeemed and taken over to the estate by liquidating the mortgage claims at 10 annas in a rupee. This correspondence which was very old and going on for the last 14 years, has thus been disposed of successfully. The bargain is beneficial to the estate as the lands fetch a good income. For this a new loan of Rs. 2,000 was advanced to the estate.

Out of the total debt of Rs. 39,735 of Government Loans, Rs. 8,382 were paid up during the year.

Out of 47 darkhasts including 11 newly received during the year, 7 were finally disposed of during the year leaving 40 darkhasts in arrears at the end of the year. Steps are in progress to dispose of the rest. In two cases the attached property was put to sale subject to the conditions laid down in G. R. No. 4,552, dated 23rd April 1915, to enforce the object of section 31 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.

PART V—Miscellaneous.

Settlement Registers.—A good many entries of the Settlement Registers have been checked and brought up to date. For this purpose a great number of new correspondences had to be started. But this is unavoidable as all mutations have to be traced out and noted in the Settlement Registers.

14. *Litigation.*—Out of the six suits pending against the mortgaged estates at the beginning of the year, two suits relating to tenants' claims of permanent tenancy have been decided by the District Court of Broach with the result that the tenants cannot be summarily evicted. Two suits relating to ownership claimed over the estates' lands were privately compromised under advice of the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and two suits relating to disputes about the estates' service lands are still going on.

Education.—Of the children of the Talukdars under management one boy of Sigam studies in the Nadiad hostel and one boy of Amod studies at Broach. One boy of the Thakor of Myagam, studying in the Sadra Scott College has left the College as he was not keeping in good health and the Thakor averse to his remaining there. A private tutor has been engaged for the education of the son of the Matar Thakor. Two boys of Sarod are to be sent shortlly to Nadiad for study.

The amount of Rs. 3,638 being the share of this district in the Jubilee Fund of the Talukdars of Gujarat has been transferred to me by Mr. Gordon and a Committee has been appointed to control the fund. The amount of Rs. 3,600 out of the amount received till now has been invested in War Bonds and the interest thereof will be utilized towards the education of poor and deserving children of the Talukdars as resolved by the Committee.

General Remarks.—The Talukdars have given a good response to the work of War Loan and Recruiting Fund. A list of subscriptions is appended herewith.

The work of the Talukdari Estates is heavy and complicated. The question of tenancy in the estates of Ankleshwar Taluka is very disputed as no rent notes were taken in previous years from the tenants. This has led the tenants to believe that they have got the right of permanent tenancy over the estates' lands. To induce them to pass rent notes seemed very troublesome in the beginning, but now a good many tenants have been persuaded to pass annual rent notes. Recently yearly rent notes have been taken from 32 tenants. In several cases where the tenants were afraid of being deprived of their lands long leases were also granted.

To improve the financial condition of the estates, the extravagant tendencies of petty Talukdars on festival occassions had to be checked. At the same time all their reasonable demands for money were met with as far as the finances of their estates permitted.

Establishment.—The Talukdari Establishment in the Collector's Office consists of one clerk on Rs. 45 and one despatching karkun on Rs. 23 paid out of the estates' fund. The clerk, Mr. Ravishankar, selected for the post has fully justified his selection and he continues to discharge his duties intelligently and actively. His work is consistently good. Mr. Nanavatty was my Chitnis during the year under report, and his work maintained the high standard I had remarked upon last year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. BLATHWAYT,
Collector, Broach.

LIST SHOWING THE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SECOND INDIAN WAR LOAN AND RECRUITING FUND BY THE TALUKDARS OF BROACH DISTRICT.

Subscription to the War Loan.

	Names of Talukdars.	Amounts.
1.	Sarod—Khumansang Madhavsang	Rs. 500
2.	Sigam—Chhtrasangji Jitsangji	„ 1,000
3.	Amod—Himatsangji Chhtrasangji	„ 200
4.	Matar Estate	„ 4,000
5.	Miagam Thakor	„ 100
6.	Jhanor Thakor Ramsingji Khumansangji	„ 100
7.	Do. Thakor Gulabsangji Dajibava	„ 100
8.	Do. Thakor Bhagwansangji Khushalsangji	„ 100
9.	Sarod Thakor Saheb	„ 500
	Total	Rs. 6,600

Recruiting Fund.

1.	Sarod Thakor	Rs. 101
2.	Matar Thakor	„ 200
3.	Jhanor Thakor Ramsangji	„ 50
4.	Do. Thakor Gulabsangji	„ 30
5.	Miagam Thakor	„ 35
6.	Dadabava Adesang, &c.	„ 35
7.	Kesrisang Chhatrasang	„ 10
8.	Bharatsang Chhatrasang	„ 10
9.	Jibava Chhatrasang	„ 10
10.	Jasvantsang Chhatrasang	„ 10
11.	Himatsang Chhatrasang	„ 10
12.	Sigam—Chhatrasang J.	„ 25
13.	Do. Raisanji Jasvatsangji	„ 20
14.	Do. Dadabava Vakhastang	„ 10
15.	Sarod—Khumansang Madhavsang	„ 20
	Total	Rs. 576

C. H. BLATHWAYT,
Collector, Broach.

REVIEW BY THE COMMISSIONER, NORTHERN DIVISION, ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TALUKDARI ESTATES IN GUJARAT DURING THE YEAR 1917-18.

No. T.S.O. 84.

Ahmedabad, Shahi Bagh, W. D. No. 1,
April 30 / July 23, 1919.

Revenue Department :

Submitted to Government together with separate reports from the Collectors of Kaira, Panch Mahals and Broach. During the year under review, the Talukdari Settlement Officer was relieved of responsibility for the Talukdari Estates in the Kaira District which were handed over to the Collector.

2. The season was on the whole favourable though practically in all the districts concerned some damage was done by excessive late rains, but the high prices which cotton and other agricultural produce fetched during the year compensated the estate-holders for deficiency in the outturn and made the year one of general prosperity for them.

3. Statements I to III attached to the reports show as usual the figures of collections of different kinds of Government dues, such as Jama, Tagai and loans of various sorts. The collection of Jama was satisfactory as 98 per cent. of the current demand and 77 per cent. of the arrears due for collection were recovered. Broach and Panch Mahals Districts closed the year with a clean sheet. The unauthorized arrears in the Ahmedabad District amounted to Rs. 3,769 only and no special comment with regard to them appears to be necessary. The collection of Tagai dues was equally satisfactory, 94 per cent. of the total demand having been collected during the year. In the matter of collection of debt settlement and maintenance loans the results achieved were fair. The outstanding balances of debt settlement and maintenance loans which at the beginning of the year stood at Rs. 5,25,081 and 12,462 were respectively reduced to Rs. 4,61,939 and 5,726. With regard to the large arrears of Rs. 56,697 due from the Makhiav and other estates in the Ahmedabad District in respect of the loans advanced under Act VI of 1862 which have been allowed to continue for a number of years, the Talukdari Settlement Officer is being asked to submit a separate detailed report.

4. The general position of the managed estates is shown in Statement IV. There was a further reduction in the estates under management from 417 to 374. The decrease in the gross income recovered and the total expenditure incurred calls for no remarks in view of the fact that 43 estates were released from management. The balances both invested and uninvested rose by about one lakh and forty-one thousand, while the total liabilities decreased by about two lakhs.

5. The general prosperity of the year was reflected in the collection of rents in managed estates which are tabulated in Statement V. Nearly 95 per cent. of the rents for the current year and 32 per cent. of the former year's dues were collected and the arrears were reduced from Rs. 1,32,565 to Rs. 60,862. In several cases the arrears are reported to be of long standing and enquiries are in progress with a view to the remission of those which are really irrecoverable.

6. Various causes including the financial stringency which necessitated the curtailment of Government grants hampered the progress of the debt settlement. In Broach, however, claims of the face value of Rs. 32,843 were liquidated for Rs. 5,353 while in Ahmedabad and Kaira similar claims for Rs. 13,780 were settled for Rs. 5,251.

7. In the matter of the settlement of claims based on decrees passed by the Civil Courts and sent to the Revenue authorities for execution, the efforts of the Talukdari Settlement Officer, Ahmedabad, were largely successful as claims amounting to Rs. 22,488 were liquidated for Rs. 5,506 while those for Rs. 37,434 were settled for Rs. 20,884.

8. The hostel at Nadiad built for the sons of the Talukdars of Kaira and Broach Districts is now in occupation and is reported to be managed efficiently. But its endowment and income are so inadequate that it is still grievously deficient in the buildings equipment and staff which are necessary for successful management and supervision and for making the place a real home to which parents can send their boys with confidence.

The Collector's proposal for a subvention has been submitted to Government in the General Department through the Director of Public Instruction under this office No. M. S. C.-8, dated 14th March 1919.

9. The reports submitted are merely brief outlines of the main features of the year's work, but they suffice to show that in spite of the War, the administration and management of the estates was well and carefuly conducted.

Draft approved by the
Hon'ble Mr. F. G. PRATT, I.C.S.

J. GHOSAL,
Commissioner, N. D.

STATEMENT I.

STATEMENT I.—(Ahmedabad).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Jama with Local Fund in the Talukdari villages of the Ahmedabad District during the year 1917-18.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka or Mahal.	Demand.			Collections.			Ammount written off.	Balance.					Remarks.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.		Suspended arrears.		Unsuspended arrears.		Total.	
										Current.	Past years.	Current.	Past years.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	1,81,668	32,482	2,14,150	1,78,137	28,807	2,06,944	5,766	112	1,010		318	1,440	
2	Do.	Dholka	83,512	5,830	89,342	80,806	3,202	84,008	800	2,706	1,828			4,534	
3	Do.	Prantij	17,091		17,091	17,091		17,091							
4	Do.	Viramgam	†42,364		42,364	42,364		42,364							† Difference due to exclusion of Jama of 2 leasehold villages included last year
5	Do.	Gogha	33,360		33,360	33,360		33,360							
6	Do	Modasa	1,668		1,668	1,668		1,668							
	Do.	Sanand	43,470	2,889	46,359	40,019	76	40,095	2,813			3,451		3,451	
		Total	4,03,133	41,201	4,44,334	3,93,445	32,085	4,25,530	9,379	2,818	2,838	3,451	318	9,425	

R. G. GORDON,
Talukdari Settlement Officer.

STATEMENT I.—(Kaira).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Jama with Local Fund in the Talukdari villages of the Kaira District during the year 1917-18.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Demand.			Collection.			Amount written off.	Balance.					Remarks.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.		Suspended arrears.		Unsuspended arrears.		Total.	
										Current.	Past years.	Current.	Past years.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Kaira	Anand	11,396		11,396	11,396		11,396							
2	Do.	Borsad	21,929		21,929	21,929		21,929							
3	Do.	Matar	5,020	†521	5,541	4,777	201	4,978	109	134	320			454	† Subsequent correction.
4	Do.	Mehmedabad	5,589		5,589	4,948		4,948		641				641	
5	Do.	Thasra	7,063		7,063	7,063		7,063							
6	Do.	Nadiad	426		426	208		208	18	200				200	
		Total	51,423	521	51,944	50,321	201	50,522	127	975	320			1,295	

J. C. KER,
Collector of Kaira.

STATEMENT I.—(Panch Mahals).

Statement showing arrears, demand and collection of Jama with Local Fund in the Talukdari Estates of Panch Mahals District during the year 1917-1918.

No.	Name of Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Demand.			Collection.			Amount written off.	Balance.					Remarks.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.		Suspended arrears.		Unsuspended arrears		Total.	
										Current.	Past.	Current.	Past.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.							
1	Godhra	Metral	2,129 0 0		2,129 0 0	2,129 0 0		2,129 0 0							
2	Do.	Asardi	393 0 0		393 0 0	393 0 0		393 0 0							
3	Do.	Bordi	369 0 0		369 0 0	369 0 0		369 0 0							
4	Do.	Vandeli	1,071 0 0		1,071 0 0	1,071 0 0		1,071 0 0							
5	Do.	Mehlol	5,555 0 0		5,555 0 0	5,555 0 0		5,555 0 0							
6	Do.	Wadi	2,404 0 0		2,404 0 0	2,404 0 0		2,404 0 0							
7	Do.	Vallavpur	1,750 0 0		1,750 0 0	1,750 0 0		1,750 0 0							
8	Do.	Nathujinu Muvadu	227 0 0		227 0 0	227 0 0		227 0 0							
9	Do.	Chhanip	92 0 0		92 0 0	92 0 0		92 0 0							
		Total	13,990 0 0		13,990 0 0	13,990 0 0		13,990 0 0							
1	Kalol	Eral	2,434 0 0		2,434 0 0	2,434 0 0		2,434 0 0							
2	Do.	Adadra	1,196 0 0		1,196 0 0	1,196 0 0		1,196 0 0							
3	Do.	Ambalanu Muvadu	182 0 0		182 0 0	182 0 0		182 0 0							
4	Do.	Karoli	345 0 0		345 0 0	345 0 0		345 0 0							
5	Do.	Kanod	1,266 0 0		1,266 0 0	1,266 0 0		1,266 0 0							
6	Do.	Kanpur	396 0 0		396 0 0	396 0 0		396 0 0							
7	Do.	Gajapura	45 0 0		45 0 0	45 0 0		45 0 0							
8	Do.	Naranpaginu Muvadu.	554 0 0		554 0 0	554 0 0		554 0 0							
9	Do.	Paruna	263 0 0		263 0 0	263 0 0		263 0 0							
10	Do.	Pingli	1,908 0 0		1,908 0 0	1,908 0 0		1,908 0 0							
11	Do.	Fansi	101 0 0		101 0 0	101 0 0		101 0 0							

§The difference of Rs. 208 between the last year's figures and this year's figures is due to the fact that last year's miscellaneous land revenue was included in the demand.

12	Do.	Bedia	2,669 0 0	2,669 0 0	2,669 0 0	2,669 0 0	
13	Do.	Bodidra	1,063 0 0	1,063 0 0	1,063 0 0	1,063 0 0	
14	Do.	Bhelidra	456 0 0	456 0 0	456 0 0	456 0 0	
15	Do.	Mokal	634 0 0	634 0 0	634 0 0	634 0 0	
16	Do.	Rinchhia	84 0 0	84 0 0	84 0 0	84 0 0	
17	Do.	Rohen	157 0 0	157 0 0	157 0 0	157 0 0	
18	Do.	Vyasda	1,612 0 0	1,612 0 0	1,612 0 0	1,612 0 0	
19	Do.	Vintoj	280 0 0	280 0 0	280 0 0	280 0 0	
20	Do.	Bhukhi	618 0 0	618 0 0	618 0 0	618 0 0	
21	Do.	Bhadroli Khurad	439 0 0	439 0 0	439 0 0	439 0 0	
22	Do.	Chalali	494 0 0	494 0 0	494 0 0	494 0 0	
		Total	§ 17,196 0 0	17,196 9 0	17,196 0 0	17,196 0 0	
1	Halol	*Kanjari	7,087 0 0	7,087 0 0	7,087 0 0	7,087 0 0	
2	Do.	Bhamaria	2,124 0 0	2,124 0 0	2,124 0 0	2,124 0 0	
3	Do.	†Shivrajpur	481 0 0	481 0 0	481 0 0	481 0 0	
		Total	9,692 0 0	9,692 0 0	9,692 0 0	9,692 0 0	
1	Jhalod	Limbdi including Lilwa.	‡5,360 0 0	5,360 0 0	5,360 0 0	5,360 0 0	
2	Do.	Golana	§1,995 0 0	1,995 0 0	1,995 0 0	1,995 0 0	
		Total	7,361 0 0	7,361 0 0	7,361 0 0	7,361 0 0	
		Grand total	48,233 0 0	48,233 0 0	48,233 0 0	48,233 0 0	

* (Kanjari) Last year's figures were incorrect. The correct figures were Rs. 6,581; this year the Jama is increased by Rs. 506, *vide* G. R., R. D. No. 7439, dated 29th July 1907.

†(Shivrajpur) The Jama has been increased by Rs. 50, *vide* G. R., R. D. No. 7,439, dated 29th July 1907.

‡ 5,425 0 0 Jama.
—1,000 0 0 Opium remission.
4,425 0 0
+ 935 0 0 Local Fund.
5,360 0 0

§ 1,812 0 0 Jama.
—200 0 0 Opium remission.
1,612 0 0
+383 0 0 Local Fund.
1,995 0 0

W. W. SMART,
Collector, Panch Mahals.

STATEMENT I.— (Broach).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collections of Jama with Local Fund in the Talukdari Wantas of Broach District during 1917-18.

No.	Name of District.	Name of District.	Demand.			Collections.			Amount written off.	Balance.				Total.	Remarks.
			Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.		Suspended arrears.		Unauthorised arrears.			
										Current.	Past years.	Cur	Past years.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	15	16
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Broach	Jambusar	11,606	25	11,631	11,606	25	11,631							Last year Rs. 11,625 was shown as demand. The decrease in this year is owing to direct payment of Government dues by lessees of certain lands of Sarod Estate.
2	Do.	Amod	20,682		20,682	20,682		20,682							There is an increase of Rupee one in demand this year than that shown last year. Last year the Jama of one village was omitted through oversight.
3	Do.	Wagra	14,626		14,626	14,626		14,626							There is an increase of Rs. 24 in 1917-18 than that shown in 1916-17 which is due to results of plane table measurement.
4	Do.	Ankleshwar	2,868		2,868	2,868		2,868							
		Total	49,782	25	49,807	49,782	25	49,807							

C. H. BLATHWAYT,
Collector, Broach.

STATEMENT II.—(Ahmedabad).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Tagai during the year 1917-18.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka or Mahal.	Demand of the year.			Amount collected.	Amount written off or remitted.	Balance of the year's demand at the end of the year.			Remarks.
			Unauthorized arrears.	Current Demand.	Total.			Suspended arrears.	Unsuspended arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka		70,349	70,349	64,923		4,585	841	5,426	
2	Do.	Dholka	293	41,658	41,951	36,877	405	3,114	1,555	4,669	
3	Do.	Prantij		5,474	5,474	5,403		71		71	
4	Do.	Viramgam		52,051	52,051	51,976		75		75	
5	Do.	Gogha		4,947	4,947	4,508		439		439	
6	Do.	Modasa		271	271	271					
7	Do.	Sanand		39,799	39,799	38,445		47	1,307	1,354	
		Total	293	2,14,549	2,14,842	2,02,403	405	8,331	3,703	12,034	

R. G. GORDON,

Talukdari Settlement Officer, Gujarat.

STATEMENT II.—(Kaira).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Tagai during the year 1917-18.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Demand of the year.			Amount collected.	Amount written off or remitted.	Balance of the year's demand at the end of the year.			Remarks.
			Unauthorized arrears.	Current Demaud.	Total.			Suspended arrears.	Unsuspended arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Kaira	Thasra		31	31	31					
2	Do.	Anand									
3	Do.	Borsad		1,462	1,462	1,274			188	188	
4	Do.	Matar		438	438	201			237	237	
5	Do.	Mehmedabad		172	172	172					
		Total		2,103	2,103	1,678			425	425	

J. C. KER,

Collector of Kaira.

STATEMENT II.—(Panch Mahals).

Statement showing arrears, demand and collections of Tagai in the Talukdari Estates of Panch Mahals during the year 1917-18.

No.	Name of Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Demand of the year.			Amount collected.	Amount written off or remitted.	Balance of the year's demand at the end of 30th September 1918.			Remarks.
			Unauthorised arrears.	Current demand.	Total.			Suspended arrears.	Unauthorized arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1	Godhra	Metral		74 0 0	74 0 0	74 0 0					
2	Do.	Wadi		523 0 0	523 0 0	523 0 0					
3	Do.	Vallavpur		278 0 0	278 0 0	278 0 0					
4	Do.	Chhanip		21 0 0	21 0 0	21 0 0					
5	Do.	Nathujinu Muvadu		218 0 0	218 0 0	218 0 0					
6	Do.	Vandeli		64 0 0	64 0 0	64 0 0					
7	Do.	Pordi		7 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0					
8	Do.	Mehlol		88 0 0	88 0 0	88 0 0					
		Total		1,273 0 0	1,273 0 0	1,273 0 0					
1	Kalol	Ambalanu Muvadu		19 0 0	19 0 0	19 0 0					
2	Do.	Adadra		40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0					
3	Do.	Karoli		17 0 0	17 0 0	17 0 0					
4	Do.	Kanod		159 0 0	159 0 0	159 0 0					
5	Do.	Kanpur		87 0 0	87 0 0	87 0 0					
6	Do.	Chalali		107 0 0	107 0 0	107 0 0					
7	Do.	Bhukhi		8 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0					
8	Do.	Naran Paginu Muvadu.		27 0 0	27 0 0	27 0 0					
9	Do.	Pingli		285 0 0	285 0 0	285 0 0					
10	Do.	Paruna		6 0 0	6 0 0	6 0 0					
11	Do.	Fansi		41 0 0	41 0 0	41 0 0					
12	Do.	Bodidra		117 0 0	117 0 0	117 0 0					
13	Do.	Bedia		318 0 0	318 0 0	318 0 0					
14	Do.	Bhadroli Khurad		33 0 0	33 0 0	33 0 0					
15	Do.	Bhelidra		76 0 0	76 0 0	76 0 0					
16	Do.	Mokal		63 0 0	63 0 0	63 0 0					
17	Do.	Rinchhia		9 0 0	9 0 0	9 0 0					
18	Do.	Vyasda		472 0 0	472 0 0	472 0 0					
19	Do.	Vintoj		104 0 0	104 0 0	104 0 0					
		Total		1,988 0 0	1,988 0 0	1,988 0 0					
1	Jhalod	Limdi		135 0 0	135 0 0	135 0 0					
2	Do.	Lilwa		36 0 0	63 0 0	63 0 0					
		Total		198 0 0	198 0 0	198 0 0					
		Grand Total		3,459 0 0	3,459 0 0	3,459 0 0					

W. W. SMART,
Collector, Panch Mahals.

STATEMENT II.—(Broach).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Tagai during the year 1917-18.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Demand of the year.			Amount collected.	Amount written off or remitted.	Balance of the year's demand at the end of the year.			Remarks.
			Unauthorised arrears.	Current demand.	Total			Suspended arrears.	Unauthorised arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.					
1	Broach	Jambusar									
2	Do.	Amod		331	331	331					
3	Do.	Vagra									
4	Do.	Ankleshwar									
		Total		331	331	331					

C. H. BLATHWAYT,
Collector, Broach.

STATEMENT III.—(Ahmedabad).

PART A.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced under Act VI of 1862.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka or Mahal.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917 as per ledger.			Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6 and 7.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.			On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	19,842	1,758	21,600	860	22,460	1,080	1,378	2,458	18,762	1,240	20,002	
2	Do.	Sanand	36,439	1,551	37,990	1,506	39,496	1,250	1,551	2,801	35,189	1,506	36,695	
		Total	56,281	3,309	59,590	2,366	61,956	2 330	2,929	5,259	53,951	2,746	56,697	

R. G. GORDON,
Talukdari Settlement Officer.

STATEMENT III.—(Ahmedabad).

PART B.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced for Debt Settlement, Government Resolution No. 11193, Revenue Department, dated 16th November 1907.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka or Mahal.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917 as per ledger.			New advances made during the year.	Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6, 7 and 8.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.				On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	2,82,960	33,282	3,16,242		16,661	3,32,843	15,348	29,246	44,594	2,67,612	20,637	2,88,249	
2	Do.	Dholka	15,478	4,057	19,535		1,160	20,695	2,110	724	2,834	13,368	4,493	17,861	
3	Do.	Prantij	11,469	1,647	13,116		729	13,845	1,434	1,646	3,080	10,035	730	10,765	
4	Do.	Viramgam	45,765	5,044	50,809		2,661	53,470	14,755	5,265	20,020	31,010	2,440	33,450	
5	Do.	Gogho	6,988	524	7,512		434	7,946	1,636	519	2,155	5,352	439	5,791	
6	Do.	Sanand	7,383	683	8,066		482	8,548	1,315	683	1,998	6,068	482	6,550	
		Total	3,70,043	45,237	4,15,280		22,067	4,37,347	36,598	38,083	74,681	3,33,445	29,221	3,62,666	

R. G. GORDON,
Talukdari Settlement Officer.

STATEMENT III.—(Ahmedabad).

PART C.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced for maintenance during the famine of 1899-1900 and subsequent years.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Balance outstanding on 1st October as per ledger.			Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6 and 7.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.			On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	29	2	31	2	33				29	4	33	
2	Do.	Dholka	104	73	177	10	187				104	83	187	
3	Do.	Viramgam	153	9	162	7	169	36	9	45	117	7	124	
		Total	286	84	370	19	389	36	9	45	250	94	344	

R. G. GORDON,
Talukdari Settlement Officer.

STATEMENT III.—(Ahmedabad).

PART D.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced for maintenance during the scarcity of 1911-1912 and subsequent years.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka or Mahal.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917 as per ledger.			Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6 & 7.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.			On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	562	42	604	35	639	179	43	222	383	34	417	
2	Do.	Dholka	3,845	734	4,579	225	4,804	706	294	1,000	3,139	665	3,804	
3	Do.	Viramgam	3,415	281	3,696	90	3,786	3,320	354	3,674	95	17	112	
4	Do.	Gogho	113	9	122	6	128	47	9	56	66	6	72	
		Total	7,935	1,066	9,001	356	9,357	4,252	700	4,952	3,683	722	4,405	

R. G. GORDON,
Talukdari Settlement Officer.

STATEMENT III.—(Kaira).

PART A.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced under Act XXI of 1881.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917 as per ledger.			Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6 and 7.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.			On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Kaira	Borsad	3,467	267	3,734	124	3,858	631	229	860 +347 (Remitted under G. O. No 12757, dated 27th December 1916) =1,207.	2,527	124	2,651	

J. C. KER,
Collector of Kaira.

STATEMENT III.—(Kaira).

PART B.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced for Debt Settlement, Government Resolution No. 11193, Revenue Department, dated 16th November 1907.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917 as per ledger.			New advances made during the year.	Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6, 7 and 8.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.				On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Kaira	Anand	10,681	2,223	12,904		768	13,672	207	1,093	1,300	10,474	1,898	12,372	
2	Do.	Borsad	14,836	2,768	17,604		1,015	18,619	2,332	796	3,128	12,504	2,987	15,491	
3	Do.	Thasra	40,296	3,379	43,675		2,582	46,257	3,489	2,711	6,200	36,807	3,250	40,057	
		Total	65,813	8,370	74,183		4,365	78,548	6,028	4,600	10,628	59,785	8,135	67,920	

J. C. KER,
Collector of Kaira.

STATEMENT III.—(Kaira).

PART D.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced for maintenance during the scarcity of 1911-12 and subsequent years.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917 as per ledger.			New advances made during the year.	Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6, 7 and 8.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918 as per ledger.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.				On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Kaira	Anand	592	62	654		33	687	592	95	657				
2	Do.	Matar	452	66	518		25	543	384	66	450	68	25	93	
		Total	1,044	128	1,172		58	1,230	976	161	1,137	68	25	93	

J. C. KER,
Collector of Kaira.

STATEMENT III.—(Panch Mahals).

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans for maintenance granted to Talukdars.

No.	Name of Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Balance outstanding on 30th September 1917.			New advances made during the year.	Interest up to 30th September 1918.	Total of Columns 6, 7 and 8.	Amount repaid during the year			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.				On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1	Godhra	Vandeli		3 12 0	3 12 0			3 12 0		3 12 0	3 12 0				
2	Do.	Valavpur		102 4 0	102 4 0			102 4 0		102 4 0	102 4 0				
3	Do.	Nathujinu Muvadu		12 14 0	12 14 0			12 14 0		12 14 0	12 14 0				
4	Do.	Vadi		43 6 0	43 6 0			43 6 0		43 6 0	43 6 0				
		Total		162 4 0	162 4 0			162 4 0		162 4 0	162 4 0				
1	Jhalod	Limbdi	800 0 0	46 15 0	846 15 0		26 11 0	873 10 0	400 0 0	46 15 0	446 15 0	400 0 0	26 11 0	426 11 0	
2	Do.	Lilwa	260 0 0	15 4 0	275 4 0		8 9 0	283 13 0	130 0 0	15 4 0	145 4 0	130 0 0	8 9 0	138 9 0	
3	Do.	Golana	600 0 0	34 10 0	634 10 0		19 12 0	654 6 0	300 0 0	35 4 0	335 4 0	300 0 0	19 2 0	319 2 0	
		Total	1,660 0 0	96 13 0	1,756 13 0		55 0 0	1,811 13 0	830 0 0	97 7 0	927 7 0	830 0 0	54 6 0	884 6 0	
		Grand Total	1,660 0 0	259 1 0	1,919 1 0		55 0 0	1,974 1 0	830 0 0	259 11 0	1,089 11 0	830 0 0	54 6 0	884 6 0	

W. W. SMART,
Collector, Panch Mahals.

STATEMENT III.—(Broach).

PART B.

Statement showing Talukavar arrears, demand and collection of Loans advanced for Debt Settlement, Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 11193, dated 16th November 1907 during 1917-18 in Broach District.

No.	Name of District.	Name of Taluka.	Balance outstanding on 1st October 1917.			New advances made during the year.	Interest for 1917-18.	Total of Columns 6, 7 and 8.	Amount repaid during the year.			Balance outstanding on 30th September 1918.			Remarks.
			Principal.	Interest.	Total.				On account of Principal.	On account of Interest.	Total.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Broach	Amod	4,163	224	4,387		228	4,615	1,838	149	1,987	2,325	303	2,628	* Last year Rs. 1,266 were shown as arrears of Interest at the end of 1916-17 in Jambusar but the A.G. has corrected the figure and so Rs 1,271 are shown as demand in this statement.
2	Do.	Jambuar*	17,732	1,271	19,003	2,000	1,155	22,158	4,144	232	4,376	15,588	2 194	17,782	
3	Do.	Vagra	11,578	650	12,228		734	12,962	1,482	537	2,019	10,096	847	10,943	
		Total	33,473	2,145	35,618	2,000	2,117	39,735	7,464	918	8,382	28,009	3,344	31,353	

C. H. BLATHWAYT,
Collector, Broach.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the general position of Talukdari Estates in Gujarat under Government

[Details are given only for Estates with Gross Income of Rs. 5,000

Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			1. Estates managed under the Court of Wards Act.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Ahmedabad	Sanand	Sanand and Koth Estate—Thakore Saheb Jayvantsinghji Ranmalsinghji	2,05,855	1,23,671
2	Kaira	Anand	Ahima—Prathiraj Jasvantsingji	9,612	7,443
3	Do.	Thasra	Janod-Natvarsangji Prathisingji	15,004	14,288
4	Panch Mahals	Godhra	Mehlol-Raisingji Naharsingji	45,403	22,366
5	Do.	Halol	Shivrajpur—Kesarising Vajesing	22,577	6,561
6-23	Ahmedabad	}	Small Estates	39,355	29,947
24-28	Kaira	}	Divisional Total	3,37,806	2,04,256
			2. Estates managed under the Guardians and Wards Act.		
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka	Dholka—Sherjummakhanji Shermahomedkhanji	10,055	8,672
2-10	Do.	}	Small Estates	19,421	17,759
11-12	Kaira	}	Divisional Total	29,476	26,431
			3. Estates managed under Act XXI of 1891.		
1-4	Kaira		Small Estates	2,984	3,274
			4. Estates managed under Civil Procedure Code, Schedule 3, para. 7.		
1-7	Ahmedabad	}	Small Estates	2,139	1,636
8-9	Broach	}			
			5. Estates managed under Civil Procedure Code, Order 40, Rule 5.		
1-7	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	1,897	1,076
			6. *Estates managed under section 26 of the Gujarat Talukdars Act.*		
1	Ahmedabad	Viramgam	Bhankoda—Bapuji Pratapsang and others.	48,976	37,998
2	Panch Mahals	Godhra	Metral—Ajitsingji Ranjitsingji	9,289	8,494
3	Do.	Halol	Kanjri—Sardar Fatesingji Dipsingji	40,473	43,790
			Divisional Total	98,738	90,282

IV.

management during the year 1917-18 (consolidated by the Commissioner, N. D.).

and above. Figures for other Estates are lumped together]

Balance at credit of the Estate.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of Column 10 on gross income.	Remarks.
Invested.	Uninvested.				
7	8	9	10	11	12
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
2,70,862	84,234	500	16,384	7·9	
4,649	3,338		800	8·3	
	2,691	17,359	1,200	8	
79,800	31,414		1,818	4	
44,300	21,957		899	3·9	
4,617	16,223	40,967	3,178	8·1	
4,04,228	1,59,857	58,826	24,279	7·2	
	2,553	4,153	779	7·7	
14,316	7,448	40,144	1,484	7·6	
14,316	10,001	44,297	2,263	7·7	
140	610	3,360	390	13	
	1,363	14,861	84	3·9	
	1,035	7,133	165	8·6	
	13,238	4,309	2,548	5·2	
6,040	6,260		829	9·3	
47,593	21,548	270	4,115	10·1	
53,633	41,046	4,579	7,492	7·6	

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Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.
1	2	3	4	5	6
				Rs.	Rs.
			7. Estates managed under Section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.		
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Dholera—Halabhai Jasmatsang and others.	14,579	16,329
2	Do.	Do.	Gamph—Sardar Agarsinhji Raisinhji	* 14,595	* 12,516
3	Do.	Viramgam	Aghar—Sadaji Kasuji and others	10,421	7,512
4	Do.	Dholka	Dholka—Sardar Pyarmahomedkhanji Latifkhanji and others.	16,965	18,915
5	Do.	Do.	Gangad—Sardar Juvansinhji Bhaisaheb.	47,965	47,965
6	Do.	Prantij	Oran—Sardar Askaralli Lalamian	5,490	5,490
7	Do.	Do.	Vaghpur—Thakor Takhatsinhji Jethusangji.	5,373	4,927
8	Do.	Sanand	Makhiav—Thakor Fulsinhji Raisinhji.	6,255	5,234
9	Kaira	Anand	Kherda—Thakore Himatsangji Takhatsangji	1,998	1,772
10	Do.	Borsad	Dehvan—Sardar Narsangji Meheramansangji.	16,153	16,330
11	Panch Mahals	Godhra	Vadi-Bharatsinhji Bapuji and others.	7,799	7,764
12	Do.	Do.	Vallavpur—Vaghabhai Adesing and others.	9,293	9,305
13	Broach	Jambusar	Sarod—Sardar Thakor Udesangji Ganpatsangji.	3,245	13,469
14	Do.	Amod	Amod-Dadabava Adesang and others.	1,947	2,631
15	Do.	Do.	Matar—Thakor Chandrasangji Himatsangji.	21,166	15,228
16	Do.	Do.	Miyagam—Thakor Shri Ranmalsangji Dolatsangji.	6,459	7,001
17	Do.	Ankleshwar	Janor—Ramsangji Khumansangji	11,138	11,327
18—179	Ahmedabad				
180—217	Kaira				
218—220	Panch Mahals		Small Estates	2,17,714	2,02,778
221—254	Broach				
			Divisional Total	4,18,555	4,06,493

IV—*contd.*

Balance at credit of the Estate.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of Column 10 on gross income.	Remarks.
Invested.	Uninvested.				
7	8	9	10	11	12
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
104	3,639	47,317	1,005	6·8	
	* 2,124	1,90,854	* 876	6	* These are Padana figures, which is under management.
147	7,410	26,951	730	7	
75	1,074	1,281	1,501	8·8	
		22,038	† 1,500	3·1	† As the Estate was leased, the Hazur Phalo has been shown. The other charges were paid by the Estate direct.
	4	7,443	200	3·6	
300	932	6,619	470	8·7	
	1,041	19,340	650	10·3	
201	1,258	16,502	400	20	
	108	47,143	1,200	7·4	
	2,904		654	8·4	
	3,192		682	7·3	
	33				
	846	2,473	140	7·2	
12,572	22,671		1,665	7·9	
100	5,063		640	9·9	
	3,490	6,000	613	5·5	
11,628	63,110	9,04,282	19,704	9·1	
25,127	1,18,899	12,98,243	32,630	7·8	

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Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			8. Estates managed under Section 144 of the Land Revenue Code.		
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Khas—Khas Bhagdars	12,081	12,906
2—27	Do.				
28	Kaira		Small Estates	26,142	24,373
29—31	Panch Mahals				
			Divisional Total	38,223	37,279
			9. Estates managed under mortgage-deeds for Loan and Tagavi debts to Government.		
			(a) Estates formerly managed under Act VI of 1862.		
1—5	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	8,466	7,822
			(b) Others.		
1—14	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	9,936	9,444
			10. Estates managed on behalf of Creditors.		
1	Ahmedabad	Dhanduka	Bhalgamda-Sanand—Thakor Saheb Jayvantsinhji Ranmalsinhji as mortgagee of Bhimnath-Bhalgamda Estate	5,535	5,535
2—4	Do.		Small Estates	2,619	5,217
			Divisional Total	8,154	10,752

IV—*contd.*

Balance at credit of the Estate.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of Column 10 on gross income.	Remarks.
Invested.	Uninvested.				
7	8	9	10	11	12
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
1,312	6,622		1,219	10·09	
1,042	8,807		2,579	9·8	
2,354	15,429		3,798	9·9	
	1,361	56,698	760	8·9	
70	1,423	7,973	711	7·1	
		17,000			Last year's balance is not taken into account as Ehalgamda is mortgaged to Sanand Estate this year.
	179	14	365	13·9	
	179	17,014	365	4·4	

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Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Total gross income recovered.	Total gross expenditure.
1	2	3	4	5	6
				Rs.	Rs.
			11. Miscellaneous Estates.		
1 & 2	Ahmedabad	}	Small Estates	2,911	3,074
3	Kaira	}			

Abstract.

	Number of Estates.		
Totals under 1	28	3,37,806	2,04,276
„ 2	12	29,476	26,431
„ 3	4	2,984	3,274
„ 4	9	2,139	1,636
„ 5	7	1,897	1,076
„ 6	3	98,738	90,282
„ 7	254	4,18,555	4,06,493
„ 8	31	38,223	37,279
„ 9 (*a*)	5	8,466	7,822
„ 9 (*b*)	14	9,936	9,444
„ 10	4	8,154	10,752
„ 11	3	2,911	3,074
Grand Total	374	9,59,285	8,9,839

IV—*concld.*

Balance at credit of the Estate.		Total liabilities.	Cost of management.	Percentage of Column 10 on gross income.	Remarks.
Invested.	Uninvested.				
7	8	9	10	11	12
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
150	2,826	50	314	10·8	
4,04,228	1,59,857	58,826	24,279	7·2	
14,316	10,001	44,297	2,263	7·7	
140	610	3,360	390	13	
	1,363	14,861	84	3·9	
	1,035	7,433	165	8·7	
53,633	41,046	4,579	7,492	7·6	
25,127	1,18,899	12,98,243	32,630	7·8	
2,354	15,429		3,798	9·9	
	1,361	56,698	760	8·9	
70	1,423	7,943	711	7·1	
	179	17,014	365	4·4	
150	2,826	50	314	10·8	
5,00,018	3,54,029	15,13,004	73,251	7·6	

J. GHOSAL,
Commissioner, N. D.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the efficiency of rent collections of Talukdari Estates in Gujarat under

[Details are given only for Estates with gross Income of Rs. 5,000

Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Demands.			On account of current year.
				Current.	Arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
			1. Estates managed under the Court of Wards Act.				
1	Ahmedabad	Sanand	Sanand—Koth Estate—Thakorsaheb Jayavatsinhji Ranmalsinhji.	1,70,862	* 53,978	2,24,840	1,69,827
2	Kaira	Anand	Ahima - Prathiraj Jasvatsangji.	9,607	40	9,647	9,492
3	Do.	Thasra	Janod-Natvarsangji Prathisangji.	16,087	447	16,534	13,787
4	Panch Mahals	Godhra	Mehlol—Raisingji Naharsingji.	45,232	560	45,792	44,847
5	Do	Halol	Shivrajpur—Kesarising Vajesing.	22,601	553	23,154	22,407
6-23 24-28	Ahmedabad Kaira	}	Small Estates	34,860	3,829	38,689	32,601
			Divisional Total	2,99,249	59,407	3,58,656	2,92,961
			2. Estates managed under the Guardians and Wards Acts				
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka	Dholka—Sherjummakhanji Shermahomedkhanji	8,455	1,072	9,527	8,398
2-10 11-12	Ahmedabad Kaira	}	Small Estates	16,869	1,637	18,506	16,610
			Divisional Total	25,324	2,709	28,033	25,008
			3. Estates managed under Act XXI of 1881.				
1-4	Kaira		Small Estates	3 652	360	4,012	2,888
			4. Estates managed under the Civil Procedure Code, 3rd Schedule, para. 7.				
1-7 8-9	Ahmedabad Broach	}	Small Estates	2,195	111	2,306	2,173
			5. Estates managed under the Civil Procedure Code, Order 40, Rule 5.				
1-7	Do.		Small Estates	2,416		2,416	1,897

V.

Government Management during the year 1917-18 (consolidated by the Commissioner, N. D.)

and above. Figures for other Estates are lumped together.]

Collections.		Amount written off.	Adjustments and remissions on account of Talukdars' maintenance.	Balance.				Remarks.
On account of arrears.	Total.			Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.		Total	
					Current.	Arrears.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
24,468	1,94,295	15,930	99		598	13,918	14,516	* Subsequent corrections.
3	9,495	29			105	18	123	
291	14,078	1,831			469	156	625	
556	45,403				385	4	389	
170	22,577	2			192	383	575	
482	33,083	445	673		1,455	3,033	4,488	
25,970	3,18,931	18,237	772		3,204	17,512	20,716	
802	9,200	18			48	261	309	
886	17,496		100		159	751	910	
1,688	26,696	18	100		207	1,012	1,219	
45	2,933		576		188	315	503	
4	2,177	2			22	105	127	
	1,897				519		519	

STATEMENT

Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Demands.			On account of current year.
				Current.	Arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6.	7	8
				Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
			6. Estates managed under Section 26 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.				
1	Ahmedabad	Viramgam	Bhankoda—Bapuji Pratapsang and others.	45,307	6,773	52,080	45,295
2	Panch Mahals	Godhra	Metral—Ajitsingji Ranjitsingji.	8,950	* 1,310	10,260	8,950
3	Do.	Halol	Kanjari—Sardar Fatehsingji Dipsingji.	40,524	832	41,356	39,932
			Divisional Total	94,781	8,915	*1,03,696	94,177
			7. Estates managed under Section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.				
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Dholera - Halabhai Jasmatsang and others.	10,201	† 3,631	13,832	10,135
2	Do.	Do.	Gamph--Sardar Agarasinhji Raisinhji.	14,677		14,677	14,595
3	Do.	Viramgam	Aghar—Sadaji Kasuji and others.	10,349	68	10,417	10,347
4	Do.	Dholka	Dholka—Sardar Pyarmahomedkhanji Latifkhanji and others.	16,733	917	17,650	16,308
5	Do.	Do.	Gangad Sardar Juvansinhji Bhaisaheb.	47,965		47,965	47,665
6	Do.	Prantij.	Orau—Sardar Askaralli Lalamian.	5,490		5,490	5,490
7	Do.	Do.	Vaghpur—Thakor Takhatsinhji Jethusangji	5,480	881	6,361	5,330
8	Do.	Sanand	Makhiav—Thakor Fulsinhji Raisinhji.	6,252		6,252	6,252
9	Kaira	Anand	Kherda—Thakor Himatsangji Takhatsangji.	2,774	224	2,998	1,952
10	Do.	Borsad	Dehvan—Sardar Narsangji Meheramansangji.	14,050	2,678	16,728	12,800
11	Panch Mahals	Godhra	Wadi—Bharatsingji Bapuji and others.	7,799		7,799	7,799
12	Do.	Do.	Vallavpur—Vaghabhai Adesing and others.	9,344	66	9,410	9,236
13	Broach	Jambusar	Sarod—Sardar Thakor Udesangji Ganpatsangji.	3,000		3,000	3,000
14	Do.	Amod	Amod—Dadabava Adesang and others.	2,546	2,312	4,858	1,173
15	Do.	Do.	Matar—Thakor Chandrasangji Kimatsingji	19,309	1,418	20,727	18,553

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Collections.		Amount written off.	Adjustments and remissions on account of Talukdars' maintenance.	Balance.				Remarks.
On account of arrears.	Total.			Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.		Total.	
					Current.	Arrears.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
	45,295		6		6	6,773	6,779	
839	9,289					971	971	* Subsequent correction.
541	40,473	62			543	278	821	
880	95,057	62	6		549	8,022	8,571	
2,561	12,696	182	25		41	888	929	† Subsequent corrections.
	14,595				82		82	These are the figures for Padana which is under management.
68	10,415				2		2	
371	16,679	376			405	190	595	
	47,965							
	5,490							
43	5,373				150	838	988	
	6,252							
	1,952				822	224	1,046	
149	12,949	39	724		666	2,350	3,016	
	7,799							
57	9,293		52		56	9	65	
	3,000							
205	1,378	2,712	312		9	447	456	
333	18,886		816		112	913	1,025	

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Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Demands.			On account of current year.
				Current.	Arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
			7. Estates managed under Sec. 28 of the Gujarat Talukdar's Act—contd.				
16	Broach	Amod	Miyagam—Thakor Shri Ranmalsingji Dolatsargji.	6,876	404	7,280	6,738
17	Do.	Ankleshwar	Janor—Ramsangji Khumansangji.	4,680	71	4,751	4,676
18-179 180-217 218-220 221 254	Ahmedabad Kaira Panch Mahals Broach		Small Estates	2,12,584	41,871	2,54,455	1,91,215
			Divisional Total	4,00,109	54,541	4,54,650	3,73,564
			8. Estates managed under Sec. 144 of the Land Revenue Code.				
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Khas—Khas Bhagdars	11,836	230	12,066	11,836
2-27 28 29-31	Ahmedabad Kaira Panch Mahals		Small Estates	27,904	2,565	30,469	25,546
			Divisional Total	39,740	2,795	42,535	37,382
			9 Estates managed under Mortgage Deeds for Loan and Tagavi debts to Government.				
			(a) Estates formerly managed under Act VI of 1862.				
1-5	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	7,389	1,077	8,466	7,389
			(b) Others.				
1-14	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	9,679	438	10,117	9,668
			10. Estates managed on behalf of creditors.				
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Bhalgamda—Sanand-Thakor Saheb Jayvatsinhji Ranmalsinhji as mortgagee of Bhimnath-Bhalgamda Estate	5,535		5,535	5,535
2-4	Do.		Small Estates	2,710	†519	3,229	2,601
			Divisional Total	8,245	519	8,764	8,136

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Collections.		Amount written off.	Adjustments and remissions on account of Talukdars' maintenance.	Balance.				Remarks.
On account of arrears.	Total.			Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.		Total.	
					Current.	Arrears.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
36	6,774	307	38		61	100	161	
	4,676	67			4	4	4	
8,116	1,99,331	8,324	10,712		11,879	24,209	36,088	
11,939	3,85,503	12,007	12,679		14,289	30,172	44,461	
230	12,066							
311	25,857	1,050			2,057	1,505	3,562	
541	37,923	1,050			2,057	1,505	3,562	
1,077	8,466							
217	9,885	137			11	84	95	
	5,535							
18	2,619				109	501	610	† Subsequent corrections
18	8,154				109	501	610	

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Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Demands.			On account of current year
				Current.	Arrears.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
			11. Miscellaneous Estates.				
1—2 3	Ahmedabad Kaira		Small Estates	3,576	1,693	5,269	2,871
			Abstract.				
				Number of Estates.			
			Totals under 1	28	2,99,249	59,407	3,58,656	2,92,961
			Do. 2	12	25,324	2,709	28,033	25,008
			Do. 3	4	3,652	360	4,012	2,888
			Do. 4	9	2,195	111	2,306	2,173
			Do. 5	7	2,416		2,416	1,897
			Do. 6	3	94,781	8,915	1,03,696	94,177
			Do. 7	254	4,00,109	54,541	4,54,650	3,73,564
			Do. 8	31	39,740	2,795	42,535	37,382
			Do. 9 (*a*)	5	7,389	1,077	8,466	7,389
			Do. 9 (*b*)	14	9,679	438	10,177	9,668
			Do. 10	4	8,245	519	8,764	8,136
			Do. 11	3	3,576	1,693	5,269	2,871
			Grand Total ...	374	8,96,355	1,32,565	10,28,920	8,53,114

V— *concld.*

Collections.		Amount written off.	Adjustments and remissions on account of Talukdars' maintenance.	Balance.				Remarks.
On account of arrears.	Total.			Converted into bonds or decrees.	Others.		Total.	
					Current.	Arrears.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
24	2,895	35			705	1,634	2,339	
25,970	3,18,931	18,237	772		3,204	17,512	20,716	
1,688	26,696	18	100		207	1,012	1,219	
45	2,933		576		188	315	503	
4	2,177	2			22	105	127	
	1,897				519		519	
880	95,057	62	6		549	8,022	8,571	
11,939	3,85,503	12,007	12,679		14,289	30,172	44,461	
541	37,923	1,050			2,057	1,505	3,562	
1,077	8,466							
217	9,885	137			11	84	95	
18	8,154				109	501	610	
24	2,895	35			705	1,634	2,339	
42,703	9,00,517	31,548	14,133		21,860	60,862	82,722	

J. GHOSAL,
Commissioner, N. D.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Progess made in the Liquidation of Debt in Talukdari Estates in Gujarat

[Details are given only for Estates with gross Income of Rs. 5,000

Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Debts owed to private creditors and								
				Claims originally submitted to Talukdari Settlement Officer.	Balance of debts at beginning of the year.		Additional debts incurred during the year.				Debts	
					Due to private Creditors.	Due to Government for Debt Settlement Loans.	To private Creditors.		To Government for Debt Settlement Loans.		Rejected by Talukdari Settlement Officer or Civil Court.	Remitted by Government or private Creditors.
							Principal.	Interest.	Principal.	Interest.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
			1. Estates managed under the Court of Wards Act.									
1	Ahmedabad	Sanand	Sanand and Koth Estate—Thakore Saheb Jayavantsinhji Ranmalsinhji	26,717			500					
2	Kaira	Anand	Ahima—Prathiraj Jaswatsangji	716	15							
3	Do.	Thasra	Janod—Natvarsangji Prathisangji	31,799		20,192				1,167		
4	Panch Mahals.	Godhra	Mehlol—Raisinghji Mehersingji									
5	Do.	Halol	Shivrajpur—Kesarsing Vajesing									
6-23	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	1,73,952	51,412		4,207				11,470	1,079
24-28	Kaira											
			Divisional Total	2,33,184	51,427	20,192	4,707			1,167	11,470	1,079
			2. Estates managed under the Guardians and Wards Act.									
1	Ahmedabad	Dholka	Dholka—Shorjummakhanji Shermahomed Khanji	11,383	2,200		500					
2-10	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	1,22,189	26,357	14,427	41			879		
11-12	Kaira											
			Divisional Total	1,33,572	28,557	14,427	541			879		
			3. Estates managed under Act XXI of 1881.									
1-4	Kaira		Small Estates	51,448	636	3,734				124		347
			4. Estates managed under the Civil Procedure Code, Schedule 3, para 7.									
1-7	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	15,815	16,516							907
8-9	Broach											
			5. Estates managed under the Civil Procedure Code, Order 40, Rule 5.									
1-7	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	17,608	7,306							
			6. Estates managed under Section 26 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.									
1	Ahmedabad	Viramgam	Bankoda—Bapuji Pratapsang and others	1,60,380		2,916	3,000			161		
2	Panch Mahals.	Godhra	Metral—Ajitsingji Ranjitsingji									
3	Do.	Halol	Kanjari—Sardar Fatehsingji Dipsingji	16,690			270					
			Divisional Total	1,86,070		2,916	3,270			161		

VI.

under Govt. Management during the year 1917-18 (consolidated by the Commissioner, N. D.).

and above. Figures for other estates are lumped together.]

Debt Settlement Loans taken from Government.								Other debts owed to Government at the end of the year.				Remarks.
liquidated during the year.						Balance of debts at close of the year.						
Paid from current income.	Paid by incurring fresh debt.		Paid by sale of incumbrance property.	Settled by pulla-chhut.	Total.	Due to private Creditors.	Due to Government for Debt Settlement Loans.	Arrears of Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess.	Arrears of Tagavi.	Tagavi not yet due for repayment.	Maintenance Loans.	
	Borrowed from private creditors.	Borrowed from Government										
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
						500						
15					15							
4,000					4,000		17,359					
3,238					15,787	39,832		451		684		
7,253					19,802	40,332	17,359	451		684		
						2,700					1,453	
2,706					2,706	25,112	13,886			1,146		
2,706					2,706	27,812	13,886			1,146	1,453	
860					1,207	626	2,651			83		
968					1,875	14,641				220		
251					251	7,055				78		
2,745					2,745	1,080	2,252			977		
						270						
2,745					2,745	1,350	2,252			977		

STATEMENT

Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Debts owed to private Creditors and								
				Claims originally submitted to Talukdari Settlement Officer.	Balance of Debts at beginning of the year.		Additional Debts incurred during the year.				Debts	
					Due to private Creditors.	Due to Government for Debt Settlement Loans.	To private Creditors.		To Government for Debt Settlement Loans.		Rejected by Talukdari Settlement Officer or Civil Court.	Remitted by Government or private Creditors.
							Principal.	Interest.	Principal.	Interest.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
			7. Estates managed under Section 28 of the Gujarat Talukdars' Act.									
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Dholera—Halabhai Jaswatsang and others	1,27,331	42,092	7,570	10			805	3,483	
2	Do.	Do.	Gamph—Sardar Agarsinhji Raisangji	3,60,278	19,557	1,74,087	11,000			8,008		
3	Do.	Viramgam	Aghar—Sadaji Kasuji and others	61,131	26,120			1,819				
4	Do.	Dholka	Dholka—Sardar Pyarmahomedkhanji Latifkhanji and others	6,621	2,180							
5	Do.	Do.	Gangad—Sardar Juvansinhji Bhaisaheb	2,38,232	52,945		7,302	1,469				4,306
6	Do.	Prantij	Oran—Sardar Askaralli Lalamian	25,858	1,790	5,171				258	114	
7	Do.	Do.	Vaghpur—Thakor Takhatsinhji Jethusangji	25,363	8,013							
8	Do.	Sanand	Makhiav—Thakore Shri Fulsinhji Raisinhji	45,041	15,504	1,142		212		69		
9	Kaira	Anand	Khorda—Thakore Himatsingji Takhatsingji	63,032	4,861	11,921				720		
10	Do.	Borsad	Dehwan—Sardar Narsinhji Mohramansinhji	75,974	30,082	6,175	1,500			386		
11	Panch Mahals.	Godhra	Wadi—Bharatsingji Bapuji and others	31,864								
12	Do.	Do.	Vallavpur—Vaghabhai Adesing and others	32,114								
13	Broach	Jambusar	Sarod—Sardar Thakore Udesingji Ganpatsingji	86,697		3,038				102		
14	Do.	Amod	Amod—Dadabava Adesing and others	14,335	3,600			238				
15	Do.	Do.	Matar—Thakore Chandrasangji Himatsangji	91,663								
16	Do.	Do.	Miyagam—Thakore Shri Ranmalsingji Dolatsingji									
17	Do.	Ankleshwar	Jánod—Ramsangji Khumansangji				6,000					
18-179	Ahmedabad											
180-217	Kaira											
218-220	Panch Mahals.		Small Estates	22,04,324	6,88,967	2,70,575	6,906	3,195	2,000	15,879	39,055	8,264
221-254	Broach											
			Divisional Total	34,89,908	9,05,620	4,76,679	32,718	6,043	2,000	25,817	42,652	12,570
			9. Estates managed under Mortgage Deeds for Loan and Tagavi Debts to Government.									
			(a) Estates formerly managed under Act VI of 1862.									
1-5	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	90,598		59,590				2,366		
			(b) Others.									
1-14	Ahmedabad		Small Estates	1,42,232	1,577	8,787		11		410		
			10. Estates managed on behalf of Creditors.									
1	Ahmedabad	Dhandhuka	Bhalgamda-Sanand—Thakore Saheb Jaywatsinhji Ranmalsinhji as mortgagee of Bhimnath Bhalgamda Estate				+ 22,000					
2-4	Do.		Small Estates	201	83							
			Divisional Total	201	83		22,000					

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Debt Settlement Loans taken from Government.								Other Debts owed to Government at the end of the year.				Remarks.
liquidated during the year.						Balance of Debts at close of the year.						
Paid from current income.	Paid by incurring fresh debt.		Paid by sale of incumbrance of property.	Settled by pulla-chhut.	Total.	Due to private Creditors.	Due to Government for Debt Settlement Loans.	Arrears of Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess.	Arrears of Tagavi.	Tagavi not yet due for repayment.	Maintenance Loans.	
	Borrowed from private creditors.	Borrowed from Government.										
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1,926					5,409	38,619	6,039	167	306	2,186		
23,000					23,000	27,557	1,59,095		1,094	3,103		
1,800					1,800	26,148				803		
2,100					2,100	80					1,201	
28,090	7,302				39,698	22,038						
2,000					2,114	1,676	3,429			2,338		
2,294					2,294	6,619						
300					300	15,716	911			2,713		
1,000					1,000	4,861	11,641					
						40,582	6,561					
3,140					3,140							
1,355					1,355	2,473						
						6,000						
71,152	300				1,18,771	6,33,487	2,35,264	919	694	32,061	1,867	
1,38,157	7,602				2,00,981	8,25,856	4,22,940	1,086	2,084	43,209	3,068	
5,258					5,258		56,698					
5,485					5,485	1,548	3,752		5	2,599	33	
5,000					5,000	17,000						† In order to pay off old debts.
69					69	14						
5,069					5,069	17,014						

STATEMENT

Serial No.	District.	Taluka.	Name of Estate.	Debts owed to private Creditors and								
				Claims originally submitted to Talukdari Settlement Officer.	Balance of Debts at beginning of the year.		Additional debts incurred during the year.				Debts	
					Due to private Creditors.	Due to Government for Debt Settlement Loans.	To private Creditors.		To Government for Debt Settlement Loans.		Rejected by Talukdari Settlement Officer or Civil Court.	Remitted by Government or private Creditors.
							Principal.	Interest.	Principal.	Interest.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
			11. *Miscellaneous Estates.*									
1-2	Ahmedabad }		Small Estates	1,343								
3	Kaira }											
			Abstract.									
			Number of Estates.									
			Totals under 1	28	2,33,184	51,427	20,192	4,707		1,167	11,470	1,079
			Do. 2	12	1,38,572	28,557	14,427	541		879		
			Do. 3	4	51,448	626	3,734			124		347
			Do. 4	9	15,915	16,516						907
			Do. 5	7	17,608	7,306						
			Do. 6	3	1,86,070		2,016	3,270		161		
			Do. 7	254	34,89,908	9,05,620	4,76,679	32,718	6,943	2,060	25,817	42,662	12,570
			Do. 9 (*a*)	5	10,598		59,590				2,366		
			Do. 9 (*b*)	14	1,42,232	1,577	8,767		11		410		
			Do. 10	4	201	83		22,000					
			Do. 11	3	1,343								
			Grand Total	343	42,81,979	10,11,772	5,86,325	63,236	6,954	2,000	30,924	54,112	14,903

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Debt Settlement Loans taken from Government.								Other Debts owed to Government at the end of the year.				Remarks.
Liquidated during the year.						Balance of Debts at close of the year.						
Paid from current income.	Paid by incurring fresh Debt.		Paid by sale of incumbrance property.	Settled by pulla-chhut.	Total.	Due to private Creditors.	Due to Government for Debt Settlement Loans.	Arrears of Land Revenue and Local Fund Cess.	Arrears of Tagavi.	Tagavi not yet due for repayment.	Miantenance Loans.	
	Borrowed from private Creditors.	Borrowed from Government.										
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
										50		
7,253					19,802	40,332	17,859	451		684		
2,706					2,706	27,812	13,896			1,146	1,453	
860					1,207	626	2,651			83		
968					1,875	14,641				220		
251					251	7,055				78		
2,745					2,745	1,350	2,252			977		
1,33,157	7,602				2,00,981	8,25,856	4,22,940	1,096	2,084	43,209	3,068	
5,258					5,258		56,698					
5,485					5,485	1,548	3,752	6	5	2,599	33	
5,069					5,069	17,014						
										50		
1,68,752	7,602				2,45,379	9,36,234	5,19,938	1,543	2,089	49,046	4,554	

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Letter from the Talukdari Settlement Officer No. A.D.M.—1 dated 7th January 1919—Submitting his report on the administration of the talukdari estates in the Ahmedabad District for the year 1917-18.

Letter from the Collector of Kaira No. 1 dated 11th January 1919—Submitting his report on the administration of the talukdari estates in the Kaira District for the year 1917-18.

Letter from the Collector of the Panch Mahâls No. T.S.O.—101 dated 12th January 1919—Submitting his report on the administration of talukdari estates in the Panch Mahâls for the year 1917-18.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. T.S.O.—84 dated 30th April 1919.

RESOLUTION.—The season was generally favourable to the talukdari estates except in some parts of Gujarát, and the results achieved in the collection of the rentals of the estates and of the jama, tagai and other loan instalments due by them to Government were satisfactory. It appears however from the statistics of rent collection that while 95 per cent. of the current year's demand was realised only some 32 per cent. of arrears of former years were collected. It appears that a considerable proportion of these arrears are irrecoverable. They should therefore be examined with a view to the elimination of those arrears which cannot be recovered and should therefore no longer continue to cumber the accounts.

2. As regards the recovery of Government loans advanced to the estates, Government agree that the position as regards the loans outstanding under Act VI of 1862 is not satisfactory owing to the long delays in repayment. They await the Commissioner's report on the subject. Statement III might with advantage be amplified by the inclusion of particulars showing the amounts for repayment as well as the sums actually recovered.

3. Satisfactory progress appears to have been made, wherever possible, in the repayment of debt and the disposal of claims, though Government consider that the Talukdari Settlement Officer should have given a fuller account of the operations in this most important sphere of his duties of management. The reduction of the Government grant during the period of financial stringency owing to the war is in some measure accountable for the retardation of debt settlement, and with the return of better conditions it is hoped that better progress will be possible.

4. It is satisfactory that several estates were in a position to make substantial contributions to the war loan and that the combined balances both invested and uninvested were materially increased despite the reduction in the number of estates. A perusal of Statement IV indicates that in some cases larger uninvested balances are maintained than would appear to be necessary for the current management of the estates. The officers concerned should consider whether further investments are possible.

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5. The Governor in Council concurs with the opinion of the Commissioner that the reports indicate that the general management of the estates was efficient during the year. The Commissioner's attention is invited to the delay in the submission of this report, which, though due to Government on 15th February, was not received in its final form by Government till 24th July.

SHAMRAO D. MANKAR,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

G. R. No. 9791, R. D., dated 22nd September 1919.

To

*The Commissioner in Sind,
*The Commissioner, N. D.,
*The Collector of Ahmedabad,
*The Collector of Kaira,
*The Collector of the Panch Mahâls,
*The Collector of Broach,
*The Talukdari Settlement Officer,
*The Manager, Encumbered Estates in Sind,
*The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
*The Director of Agriculture,
*The Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
The Accountant General,
The Political Department,
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